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Members of the TEVS, the Telephone Employees Volunteer Service in San Francisco, holding the scroll of thanks from the Marines. It is one of their proudest possessions.



Santa's suit was made by a South Korean who had never seen or heard of Santa Claus. South Koreans also took turns in drawing the jeep trailer.

You can imagine what happened when all those packages arrived.

The boys made quite an occasion of it. There was much scurrying around to get a Santa Claus suit. None was available but finally they found a South Korean who could sew and the job was completed after a lot of picture drawing and explaining. Then Santa was mounted on a jeep trailer and drawn along in state.

After the packages were opened, a scroll of appreciation was signed by every member of

the company and sent back to this country. More than two hundred of the men wrote letters of thanks.

"Your kindness," wrote their Captain, "brought happiness to the hearts of a group of Marines, many of whom were spending their first Christmas away from home."

It all turned out so well that it was decided to do the same thing again this year. So hundreds of packages are again on their way across the seas to help make it a Merry Christmas in Korea.

THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY WAYS in which telephone people in many communities say "Merry Christmas."

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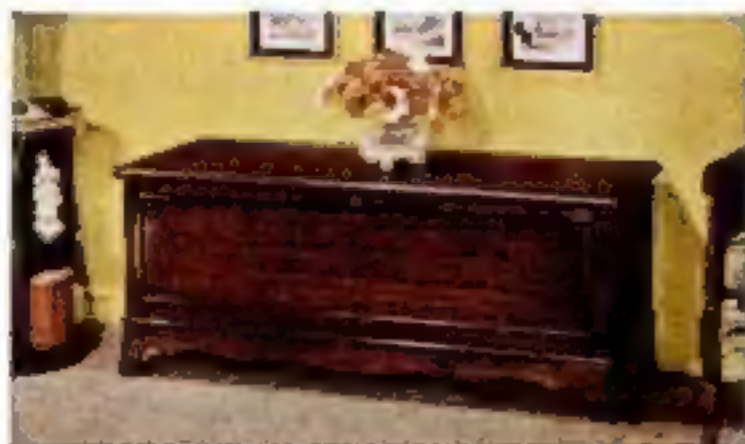
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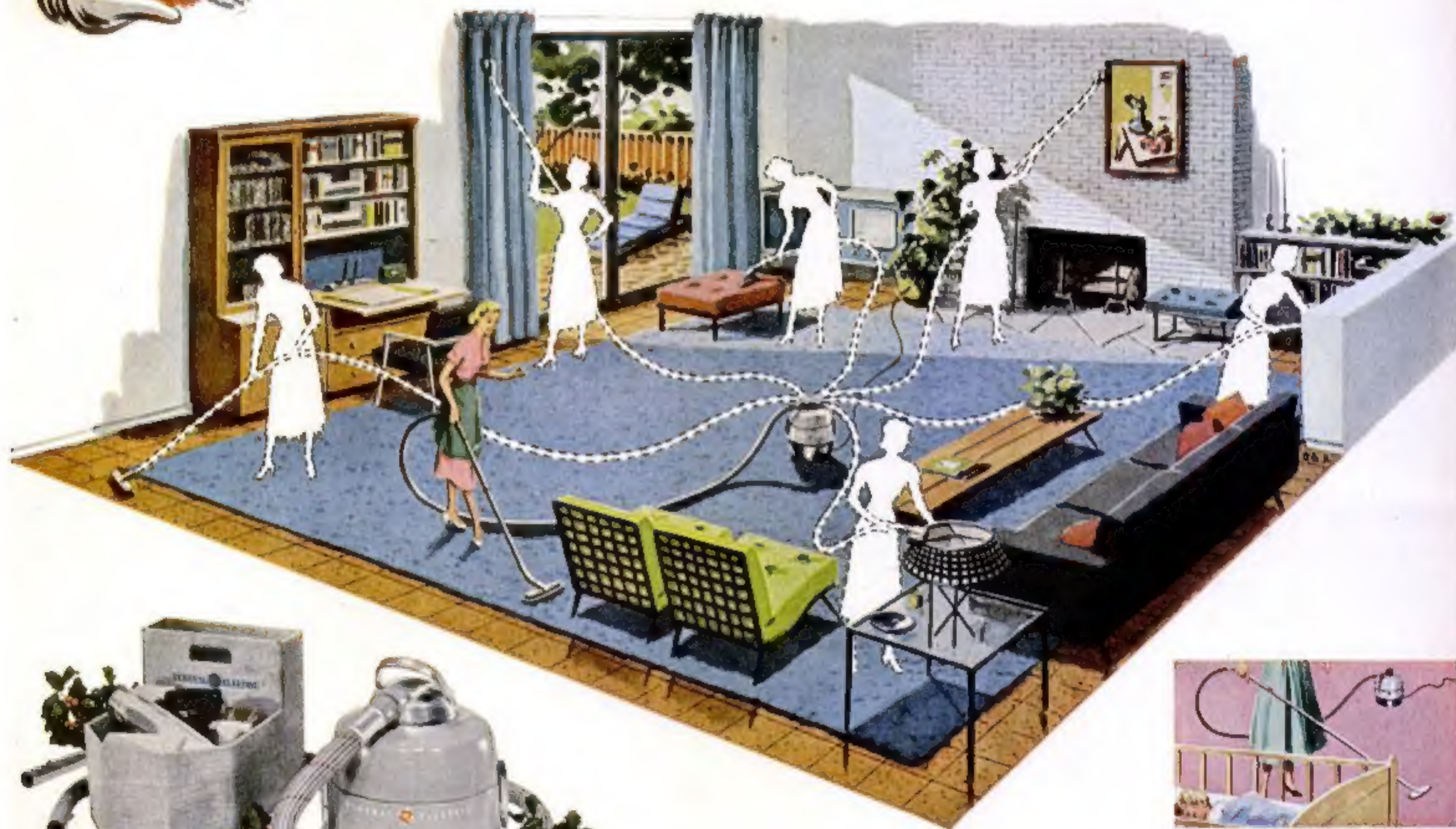


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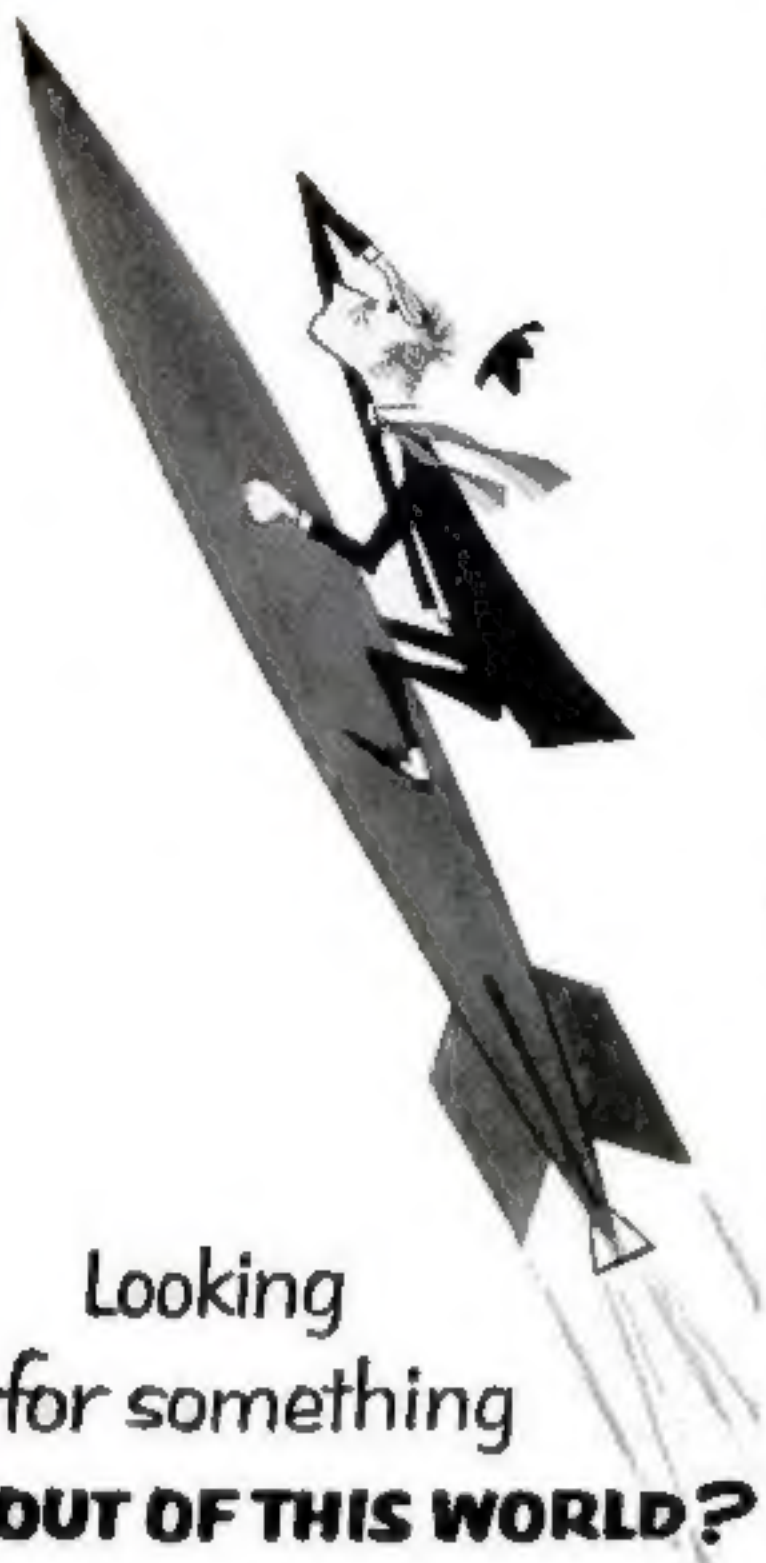
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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

PRISON RIOTS

Sirs:

Most significant—and a real service—your article on prison riots ("A Riot Is an Unnecessary Evil," *LIFE*, Nov. 24). Light on this dark corner may clean up a foul blot on our good life.

WALTER MANN

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

Congratulations on your splendid article on how to avoid riots. Hope everybody who should read it, does.

WALTER WANGER

Hollywood, Calif.

Sirs:

Your writers bleed for those poor convicts at Colorado's Canon City Penitentiary who got a good blistering from Warden Roy Best. Warden Best freely admitted the "spankings," and was castigated by all the reformers and do-gooders in the country. But you fail to mention why these convicts were blistered. They shot two guards in an attempted break.

JOE PITCHFORK

Monte Vista, Colo.

● True. But by Best's own testimony these floggings were not excessive or unusual and had been a custom for 22 years. Such practices, many prison officials believe, goad prisoners into attempting breaks in the first place.—ED.

Sirs:

Drs. Barnes and Wilson have pointed up the serious problems of prison management as well as the bitterness and frustration of the inmates.

Men and women are not sent to prison to be punished but rather to be helped. The indictment, trial and conviction of a criminal represent the punishment. Incarceration should represent the treatment.

... I feel that imprisonment is not the answer to the crime problem. Much more emphasis must be placed on all the methods that will encourage judges to release to the community those who are reasonably able to accept such treatment. Already countries like Sweden and Denmark are successfully experimenting with such a philosophy. By all means, let's clean up the sordid mess that exists in the vast majority of our prisons, but let us go beyond this and develop a system of penal treatment in line with our cultural intelligence.

NEGLEY K. TEETERS

Temple University
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sirs:

You advocate extension of the parole system. Recently New England has been shocked by the brutal murder of a man and his wife by a parolee.

ERNEST W. TOWNE

Wollaston, Mass.

● Deplorable as they are, such cases are statistically rare.—ED.

RECORD SKIN DIVES

Sirs:

The Polynesians of the Tuamotu Islands often accomplish Raimondo Bucher's diving feat ("Holding Breath at 127.9 Feet," *LIFE*, Nov. 24) in their

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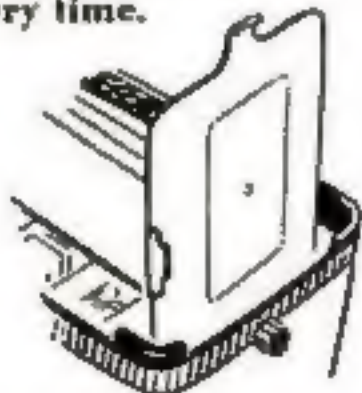
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quest for the black mother-of-pearl shell. And they do it without special gloves or slippers or nose clamps. Once they salvaged an anchor at a depth of 125 feet. People who have lived among the islanders have reported dives as deep as 25 fathoms (150 feet) although I cannot be sure such records are "official."

TED SMITH

New York, N.Y.

'POETRY'S' BIRTHDAY

Sirs:

I really enjoyed your article, "A Birthday for 'Poetry'" (LIFE, Nov. 24). I would like to bet that magazine's circulation increases and that its editors are flooded with mostly corny poems.

RUTH TARBELL

Center, Colo.

Sirs:

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Byron, anyone?

ANN THAYER

Urbana, Ill.

Sirs:

That was a fine job you did for modern poetry but I think you should have given Ezra Pound credit for discovering T. S. Eliot for Poetry magazine. I don't think we should let our dislike of Pound's later politics obscure the fact that he did a great deal for modern poetry. Pound was Poetry's foreign correspondent, and he

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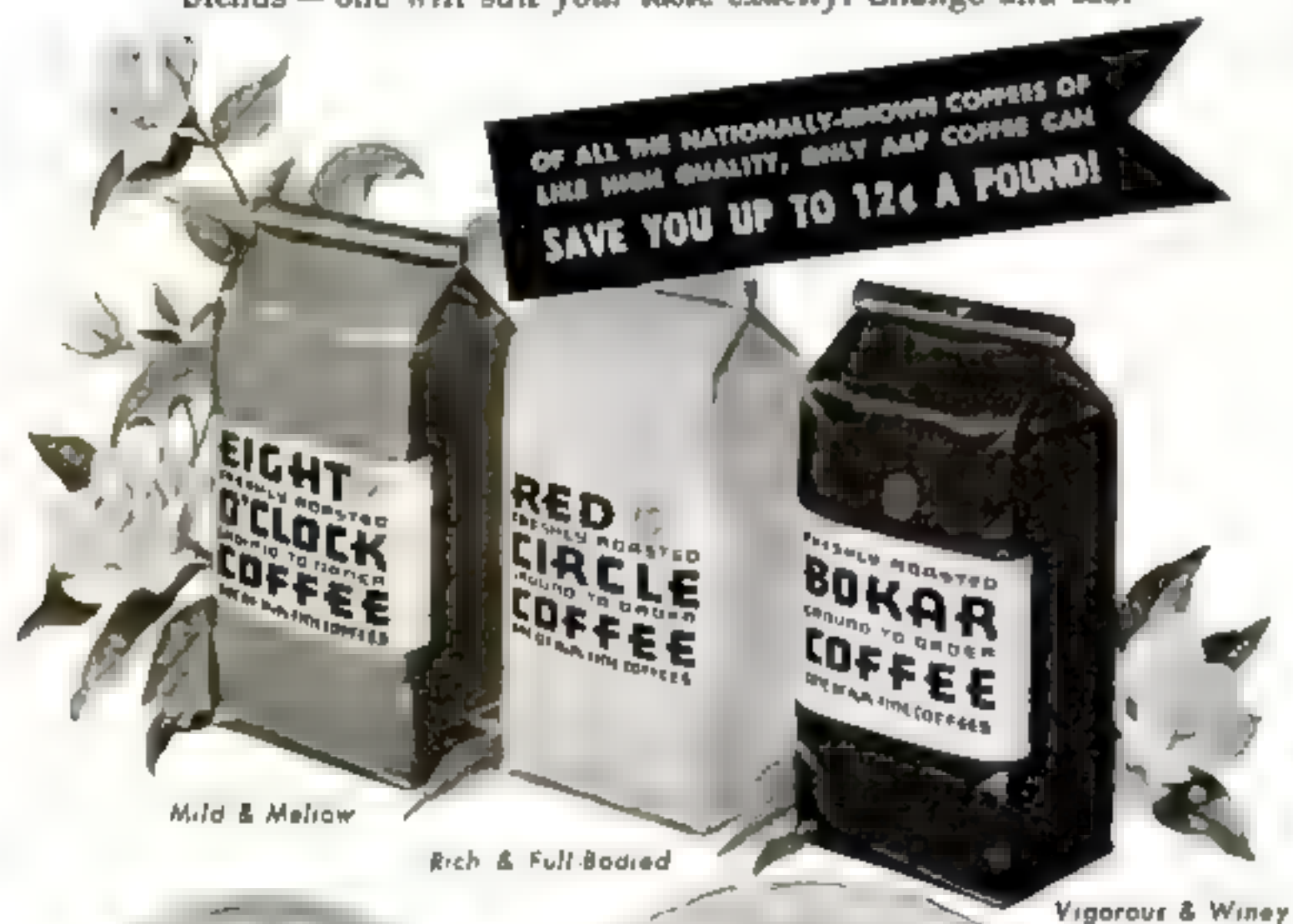


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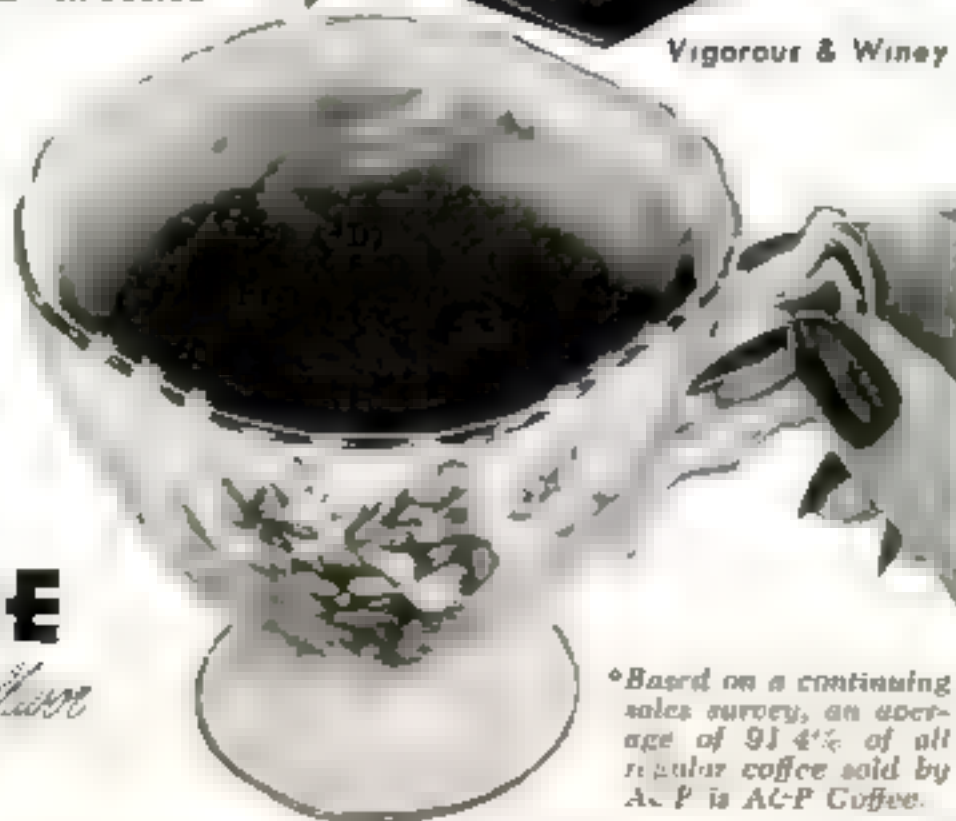
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sent "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" to Harriet Monroe in October 1914, urging her to publish it at once. He had a battle to get her to publish it at all. "Your objection to Eliot is the climax," Pound wrote to Harriet Monroe. "No, most emphatically I will not ask Eliot to write down to any audience whatsoever. . . . Neither will I send you Eliot's address in order that he may be insulted." "Prufrock" was finally published in *Poetry* seven months later, but, according to Pound, Harriet Monroe "loathed and detested Eliot."

ROSALIND CONSTABLE

New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Thanks for running a picture of the staff of *Poetry*. I always did want to see the schnooks who sent back my verses.

D. C. EMICH

Sidney, Neb.

THUNDER LIZARDS

Sirs:

Your pictures of the Brontosaurus' tracks being readied for the American Museum of Natural History were superb ("The Trail of the Thunder Lizard," *LIFE*, Nov. 24).

While the Brontosaurus was among the largest animals which ever existed, the distinction of being the "largest beast ever to walk the earth" rightfully belongs to the Brachiosaurus. Not as long as the Brontosaurus in neck and tail, the Brachiosaurus was more huge-bodied.

JOSE RODRIGUEZ JR.

Oneonta, N.Y.

• The Brachiosaurus had larger shoulders and thicker forelegs than the Brontosaurus. It weighed about 40 tons and was the biggest land-living animal.—ED.

Sirs:

As an ex-resident of Glen Rose, Texas, on the Paluxy River, where the tracks were discovered, I doubt that the washtub-sized holes were ignored by Texans as freaks of erosion until 14 or so years ago.

Over 20 years ago, as a child, I used to visit a friend's farm, and often we went to the river to see the "dinosaur tracks."

MRS. H. C. WAMACK

Monahans, Texas

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ALL AT SEA

about what to give for Christmas?

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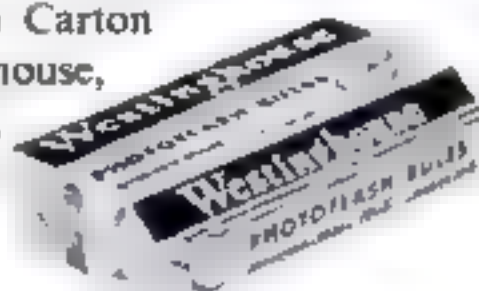
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ONE COED, 900 BOYS

Sirs:

Indiana Tech also has only one coed—I am that one. Nancy's story ("All Alone With 900 Boys," LIFE, Nov. 24) interested me very much because we do have a lot in common. . . . I study mechanical engineering.

EDITH MAE HIXON
Fort Wayne, Ind



INDIANA'S HIXON

Nov. 24) interested me very much because we do have a lot in common. . . . I study mechanical engineering.

EDITH MAE HIXON

Fort Wayne, Ind

Sirs:

Georgia Tech also went coed this fall. We have two coeds and over 3,000 men. Originally there were four coeds; two dropped out along the way. It caused quite a commotion at first.

DAVID MONROE

Atlanta, Ga.



MICHEL HERNDON

• Coed Diane Michel, JR, majors in chemistry. Elizabeth C. Herndon, a war widow and a mother, is studying electrical engineering.—ED.

CREDIT FOR A MOVIE

Sirs:

In "Hans Christian Andersen" (LIFE, Nov. 3) due credit is given to many people making the film but not to the director. If Hans Christian Andersen had no director, then it is indeed an unprecedented phenomenon. If that is not the case, we would appreciate your divulging his name.

GEORGE SIDNEY
President

Screen Directors' Guild
Hollywood, Calif

• Charles Vidor.—ED.

LIFE'S CRITICS

Sirs:

The amount of sheer trash in your Nov. 24 issue was really surprising: two pages on some rather faded women wearing vulgar jewelry, two on something called "Bernardine Crut" . . . two more on a heavy-bodied ballerina in a phone booth . . .

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SPEAKING OF PICTURES

Pope's pronouncement on modernizing nun habits leads designers to some surprising suggestions



U.S. CHANGE was designed for the Society of Christ Our King by Hattie Carnegie.

When Pope Pius XII last September said he thought nuns might modernize their dress by adapting themselves to "changes suggested by reason and charity," he caused flutterings and stirrings among the Church's feminine orders everywhere. Italy's Sisters of Nazareth immediately redesigned their habit (*above*), while others looked with new interest at an American sisterhood which jumped the gun more than a year ago with a Hattie Carnegie design (*left*).

More radical than either of these were some suggested by artists and fashion designers around Rome, who were commissioned this fall by the magazine *Il Tempo* to think up new nuns' habits. The designs, which are shown opposite, range from antique to almost Parisian. Sisters who were asked by *Il Tempo* to comment decided that for practical as well as esthetic reasons one of the creations of Fashion Designer Frederico Mario Schubert (*far right, top row*) was the best. While Vatican sources agreed with the sisters that Schubert's design was "most acceptable," they pointed out that actual changes would be for each individual order to determine.

Other changes in Catholic dress are already on the way. Last week the Pope simplified the official costume worn by cardinals, decreeing that henceforth the huge 20-foot-long copes would be only half as long, and could be arranged so as not to require train-bearers. Moreover some garments that were previously made of watered silk would now be made of wool. The economies would cut the cost of a cardinal's minimum costume from \$3,000 to \$2,000.



HALO HAT and long sash dominate svelte flannel gown designed by Mamel Barbara. Nuns disliked tight headress.



NURSE LOOK dominates in model by Vatican tailor, Giacomo Reanda, who says color could be changed for seasons.



MEDIEVAL LOOK is given a design by Franco Gentilini who was inspired by regional costumes.



LOOSE SMOCK with enormous collar and beret-type hat, sketched by Sculptor Emilio Greco, was the simplest design.



FAVORITE DESIGN, by Schubert, had only one possible drawback, a pleated veil.



INSECURE CAP by Schubert led a nun to say, "We could never face crowded trolleys in that hat."



CLERICAL CUT is given to costume by Gentilini. Sisters thought that it was more old-fashioned than existing habits.



WHITE TURBAN tops off second model by Barbara, most extreme design in lot.

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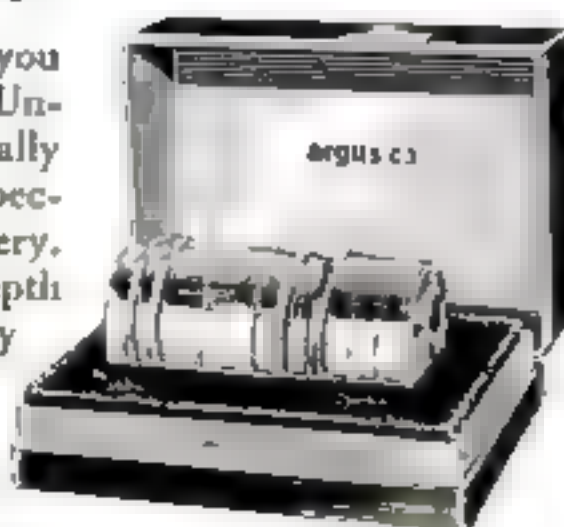


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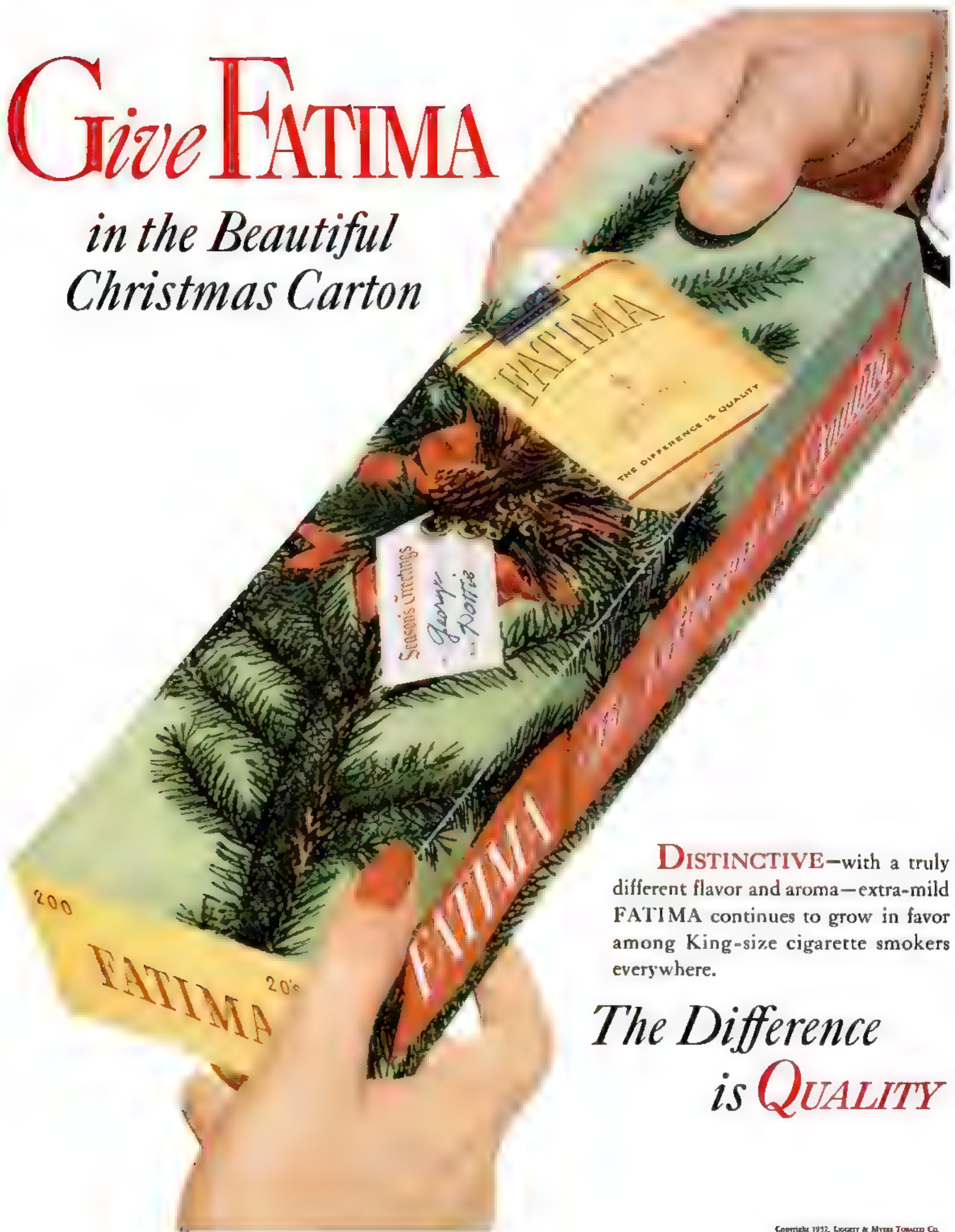
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WINTER, AND THE NEW GUARD, ARRIVED EARLY

We promised a month ago to report the trials and triumphs of Eisenhower as president and now, six weeks before inauguration, we find that the story of the administration has already begun. For LIFE, the first or Korean phase was a tough one. We had to have photographers at the right spots 10,000 miles away, then get the pictures censored and delivered 10,000 miles (see map). Here is what John Dille, LIFE's reporter in Korea, cabled about covering chapter one:

"Sometimes a story comes along which can be told only by the camera. General Eisenhower's historic trip last week was such a story. Most of us who waited for him in Korea knew that it would be primarily a picture story, a story cut to measure for LIFE, and we planned accordingly.

"Eisenhower was on a mission which might well influence the military and political history of the U.S. and the free world. And yet, for obvious reasons, he could not tell the reporters much about what he found. As a result dozens of high-priced and experienced writers, many of

whom went to Korea especially for Eisenhower's trip, were completely frustrated. They could only list his stops, report that he was cold, that he ate with some enlisted men, and that he said very little.

"It fell to photographers to document the trip and to show the public at home what had gone on. In a platoon of cameramen dogging General Eisenhower's footsteps and plane hops across the wintry front was LIFE's Michael Rougier, who for 18 months had photographed the ups and downs of the Korean war, and Horace Bristol, who was also shooting for London's *Picture Post*. Theirs was a difficult job, but the Army cooperated magnificently with the press, and special light planes were laid on at our request to keep cameras a jump ahead of Eisenhower all the way. The team of Bristol and Rougier, as you will see [pages 23 through 29], had a busy week. Once in the cockpit of a light plane Ike spotted Mike and smiled. 'Are you cold?' he asked. Mike was so cold that he could barely operate a camera, much less blurt out an answer."

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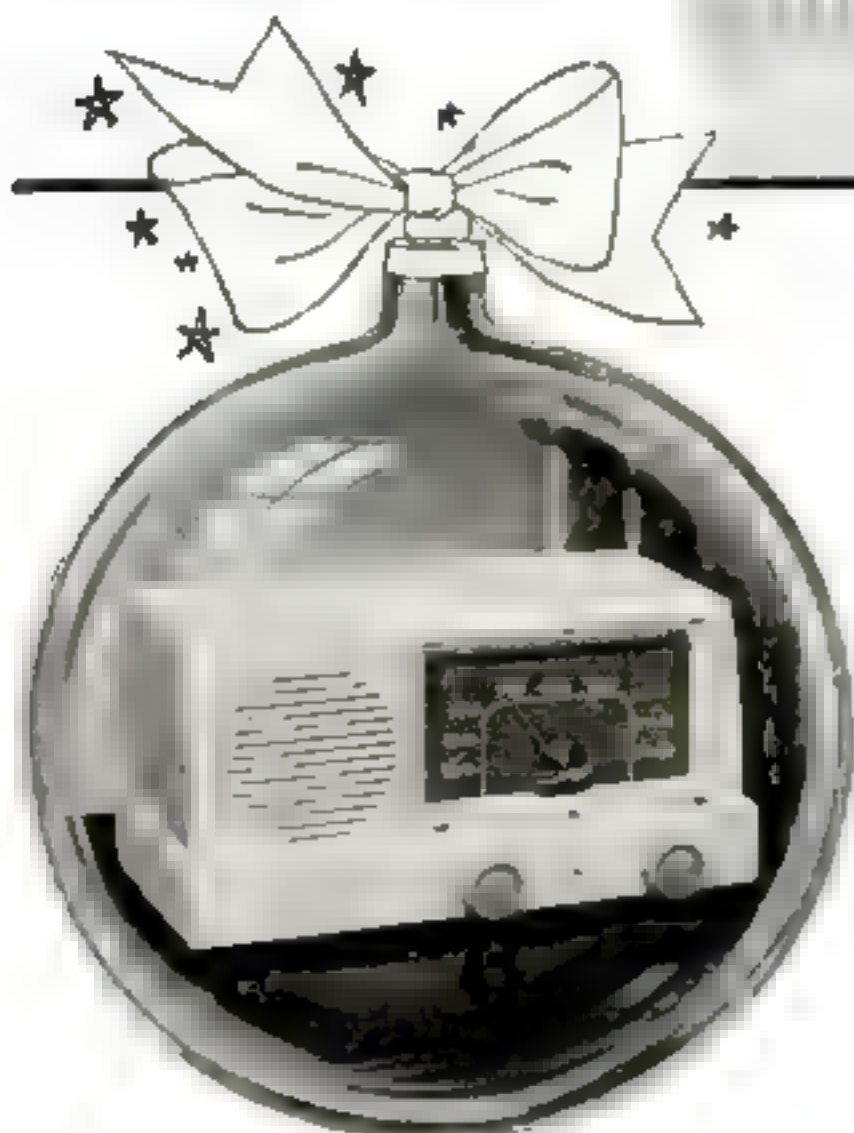
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A MAN AND HIS MISSION,

a mission undertaken to fulfill a pledge, last week stirred the imagination and hopes of the free world. The man was one who, by a record vote of his fellow citizens, had become president-elect of the United States. His promise, to which few of those voters, thinking of the dangers and of the country's need, would have held him, concerned a problem that engages the prayers of them all—the stalemated war in Korea. Wise enough and strong enough to promise no panacea and no trick solutions, the man was trying to figure out how best to bring a decision where, for 17 months, the lack of decision had taken a steady toll of blood and money from his own country and 16 other united nations.

As he laid down a wreath in memory of a Medal of Honor hero, there must have been passing through his mind the contradictory alternatives which had been urged. He had been told that present forces in Korea should continue

the costly battle necessary to hold the line; that it wouldn't be too bad to continue the deadlock, taking a profit in killing Chinese in a war of attrition; that a build-up and its implied threat of an all-out offensive would turn the trick; that South Korean soldiers could—or could not—take over the line; that, though it would cost lives, the important part of Korea could be restored to freedom by crashing through to the narrow waist, 100 miles below the Yalu.

By now he may be forming his own ideas about a solution but meanwhile a nation not wholly absorbed in Christmas shopping would treasure the image, conveyed on these pages, of a 62-year-old man, an old soldier himself, sharing the frozen front with other soldiers, striving earnestly to understand the problem and approaching it with the kind of determination that would permit him to say, "Much can be done to improve our position—that much will be done."

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PLAYING TAG WITH ZERO,

an all-winter game in Korea, is rough on anybody and Dwight Eisenhower, not toughened to the rigors of the line, had his difficulties but bore them in good humor. He found himself wrestling with the traditional discomforts of government issue clothing, his col-

lar choking tight and his visor sometimes flopping down like a blinder. But he grinned and hoofed it without protest when his station wagon stuck on an icy road. The sergeant-driver said later that "I just opened the door and let them out to walk" up the hill





to a 1st Marine Division command post. The president-elect endured the cruel bleakness of a Korean sunset while passing between rows of equally cold ROKs at present arms. And he had fun snapping off his own icicles from the eaves of a building on a jet air base.



AN OLD HAND WITH ALLIES,

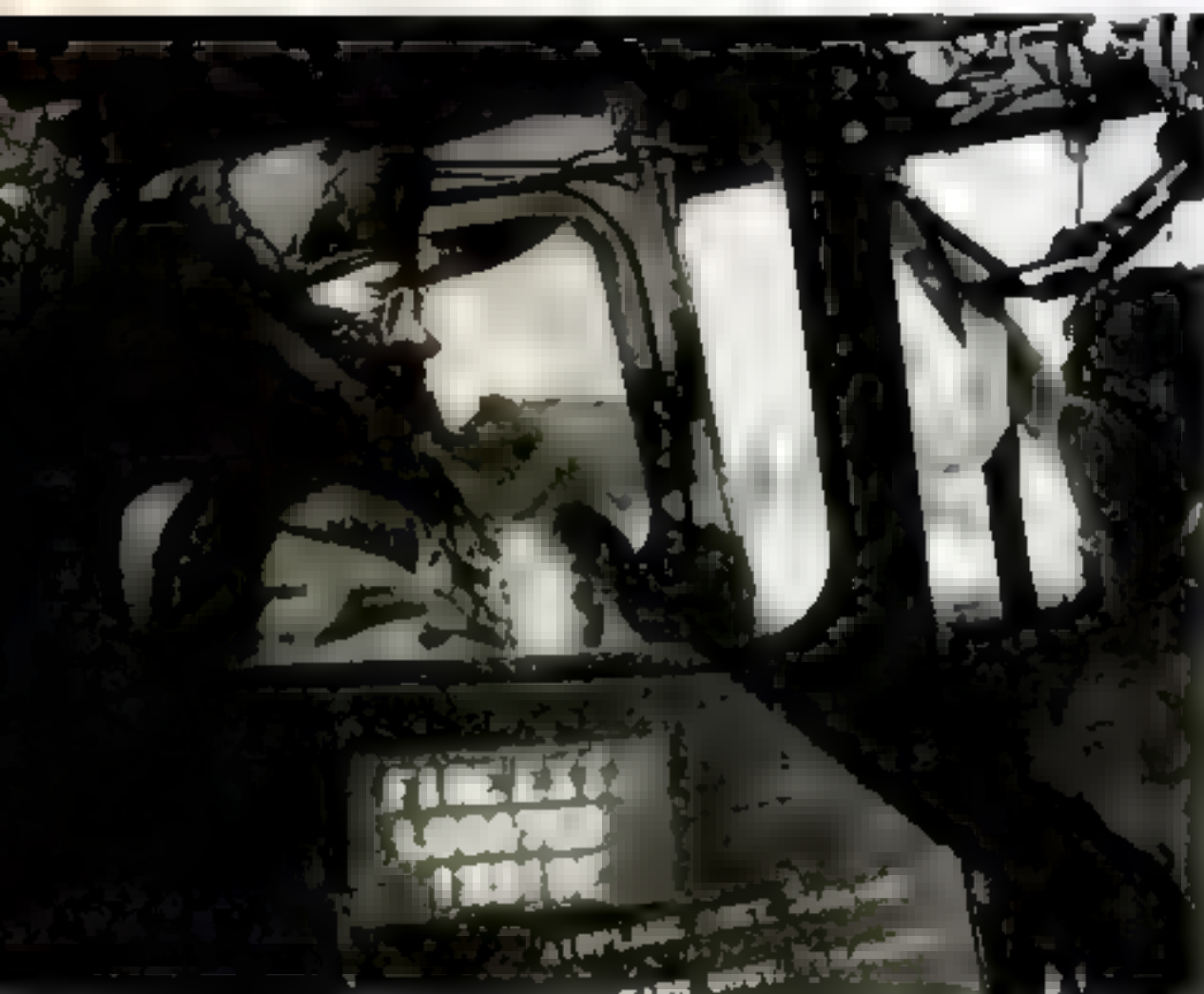
as former chief of SHAEF and SHAPE, Ike drew deeply from his special quality for getting along with people on any level, in any language. When GIs of the battalion he himself commanded 12 years ago (Third Bn., 15th, or "Can Do" Regt., 3rd Div.) were hand-picked to chow with him he relaxed them by being glad he had "hit you on a good day. I sure like sauerkraut." He greeted the beret-clad men of the British Commonwealth Division with the same sincere cordiality he gave a similar group of 1st Marine Division. Though he did not make the public appearance for which the Koreans clamored, he quickly reached easy terms with President

Syngman Rhee, and the ROKs, showing off their combat skills in a mock attack, provoked his outspoken admiration.

He surprised a soldier by reaching to shake when he saluted, exchanged grins with a ROK in a dugout, turned serious with the pilot over a modern U.S. jet. Probably his biggest personal kick came as, with parental impatience, he waited with General Mark Clark for his son, Major John, to return from a private errand to take up his duties as aide, let the young man in on a family secret (the Eisenhowers' Christmas present for John's wife) and finally father and son broke out in mutually affectionate beams.







MEMORIES AND TASKS TO COME,

equally pressing, occupied the president-elect as he ended his mission to Korea. In Eighth Army headquarters, as he turned away from James C. Hagerty, his press secretary, to read a private message, Charles E. Wilson, his new secretary of defense, shared a thought with General James Van Fleet and General Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, turned to make a point to

Herbert Brownell, who will be attorney general in the new cabinet. As he patiently gathered up the burdens of his country, Ike carried with him a sharply renewed knowledge of what war costs in cash, and the memory of a dawn flight to the 8055th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital where, in the drawn and hurting flesh of wounded men who could still smile back, he had humbly seen its cost in blood.







AT A MEMORIAL SERVICE HAYWOOD COMFORTS PHILIP MURRAY'S WIDOW

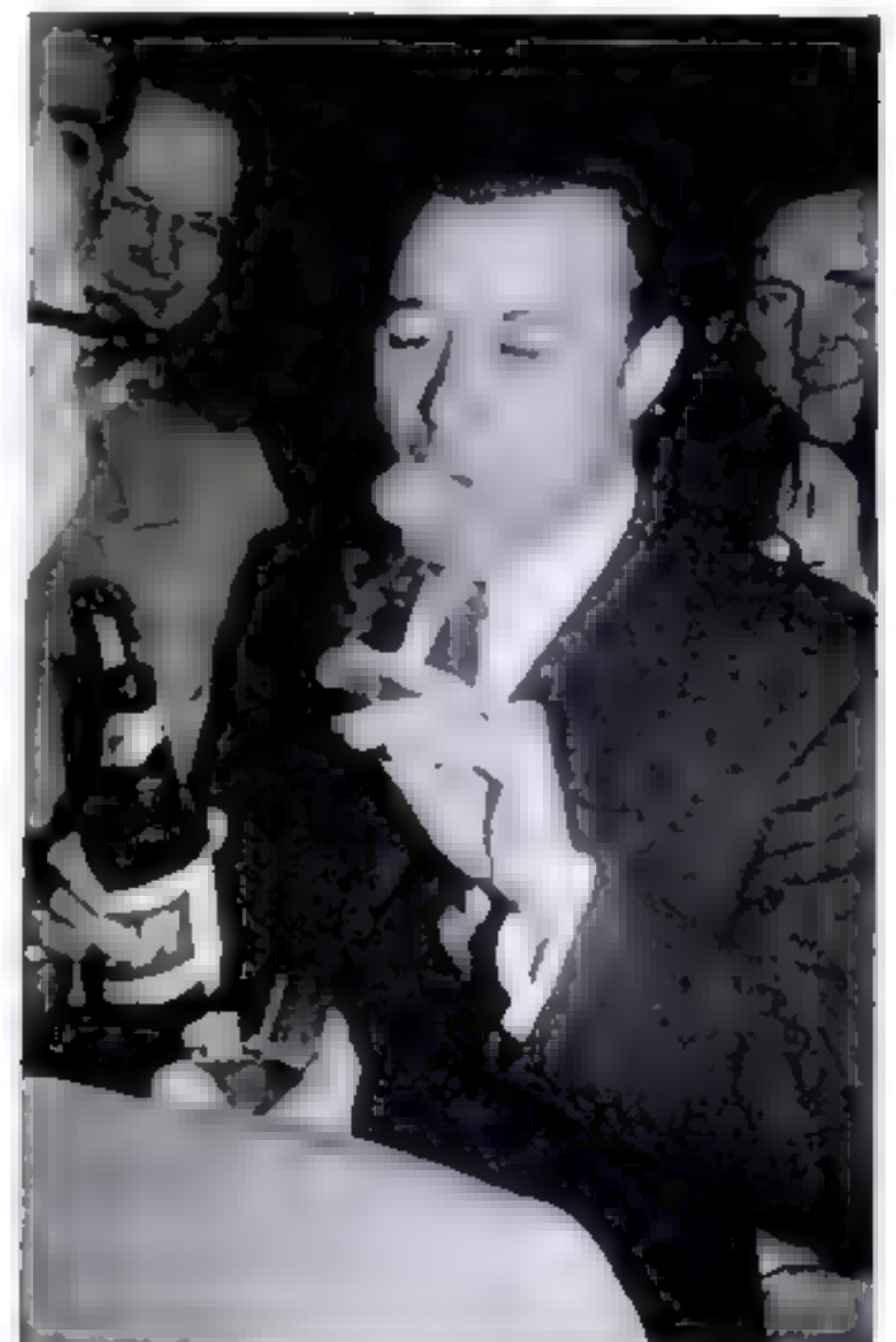


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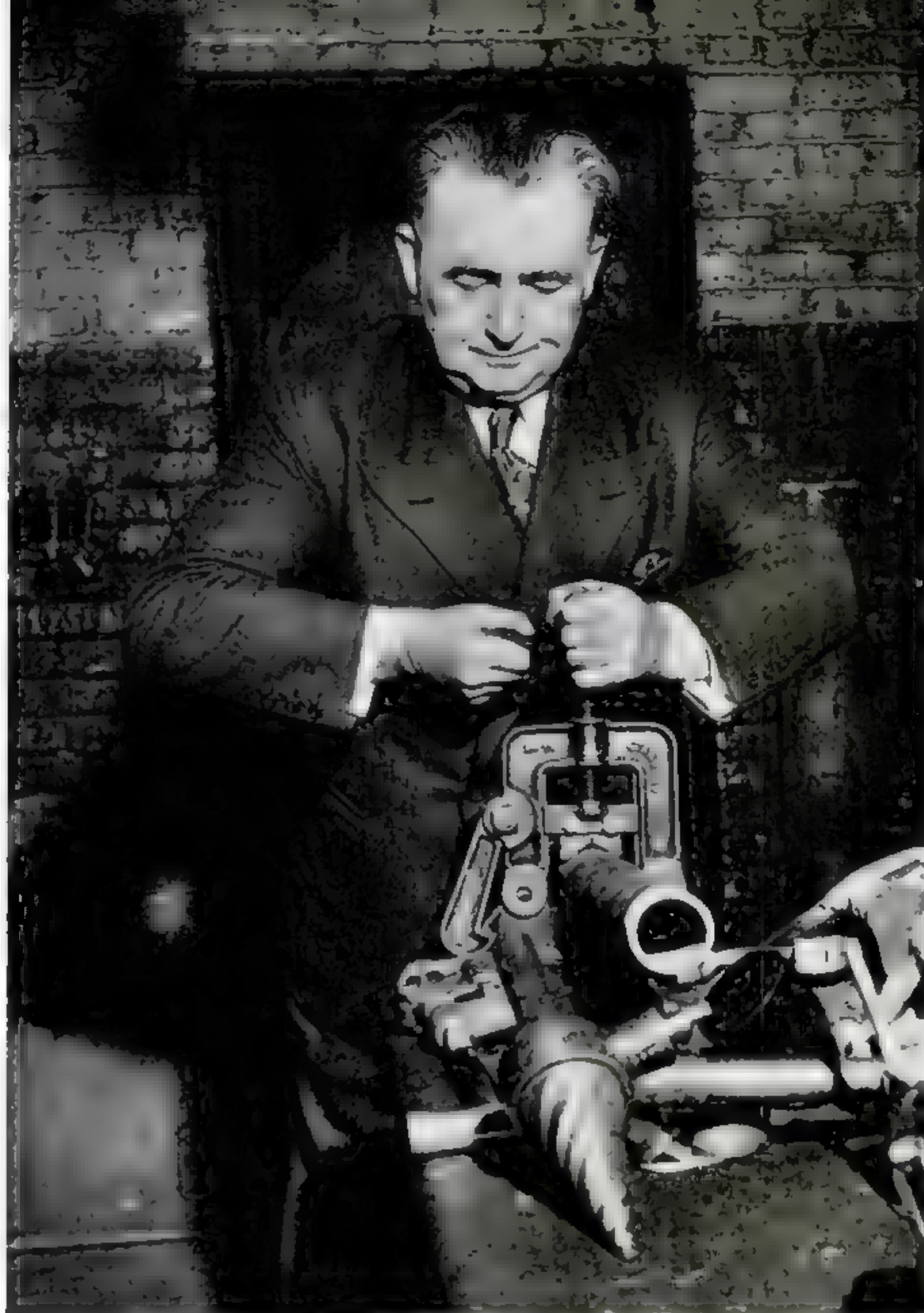
delegates, representing 59,000 members, joined others from small unions in attempt to block Reuther.



ONE OF THE BOYS, Reuther, who never smokes or drinks, obeys joke resolution that he do both.



PLEDGED HIM VOTES WHICH DECIDED ELECTION



IN CHICAGO, HOME OF HIS OWN UNION LOCAL, APPOINTEE DURKIN WORKS A PLUMBER'S PIPE VISE

CABINET GETS A PLUMBER, C.I.O. GETS A CHIEF

Recovering quickly after the deaths of Philip Murray and William Green, the labor unions went back to the job of organizing for strength. They got an unexpected lift from Eisenhower, whose election they had opposed, when he sensibly chose a sensible, unspectacular union man for Secretary of Labor—Martin Durkin (*top, right*), head of the A.F. of L. Plumbers and Pipefitters Union and a Democrat. The move caused Senator Taft to attack the choice as "an affront to millions of union members." Said a pleased union man, "What is bad for Taft is usually good for us."

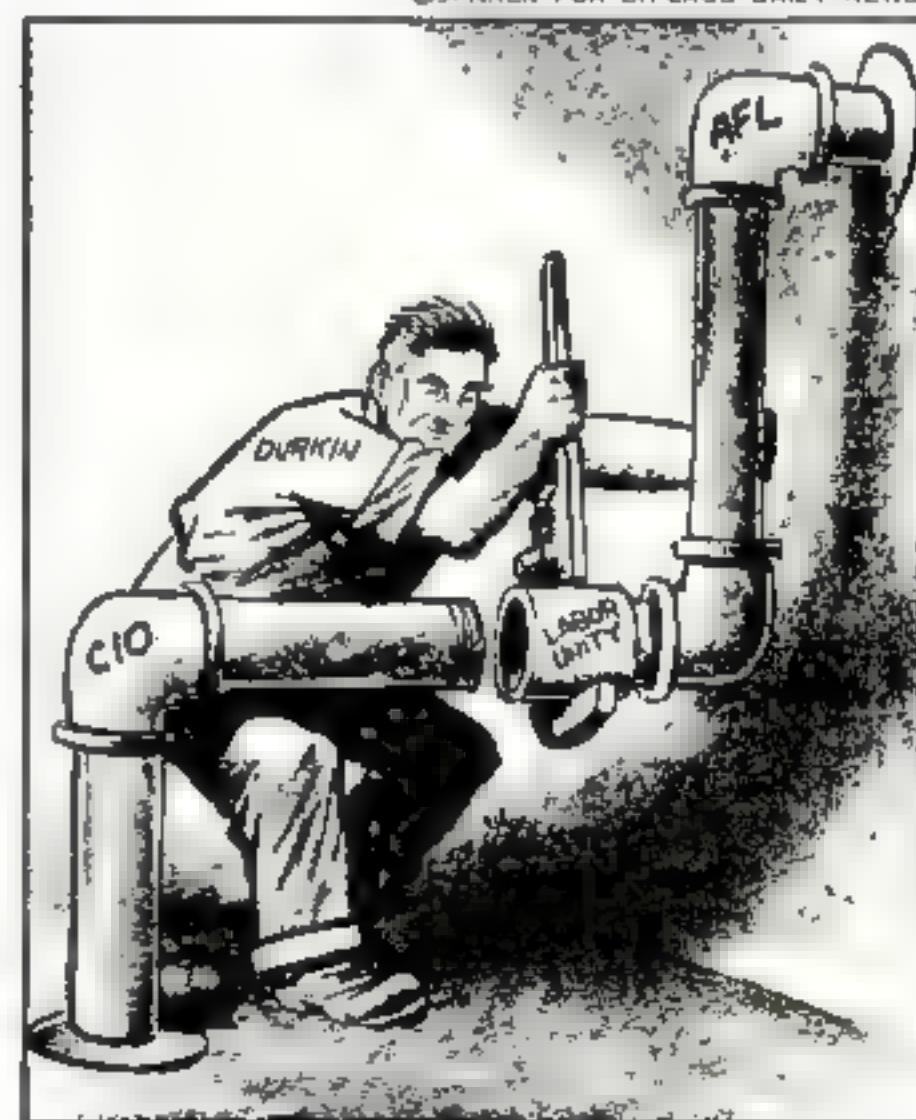
The C.I.O. got itself a fiery, spectacular new president when Walter Reuther's election came off as expected (*LIFE*, Dec. 8). C.I.O. Vice President Allan Haywood fought on even after the rubber workers union swung to Reuther and insured the result, but Reuther beat steelworker opposition and the Haywood political machine. As director of C.I.O. organizing, Haywood dispensed union patronage. He

appointed "glorified porkchoppers" (well-paid union officials), had built a large following.

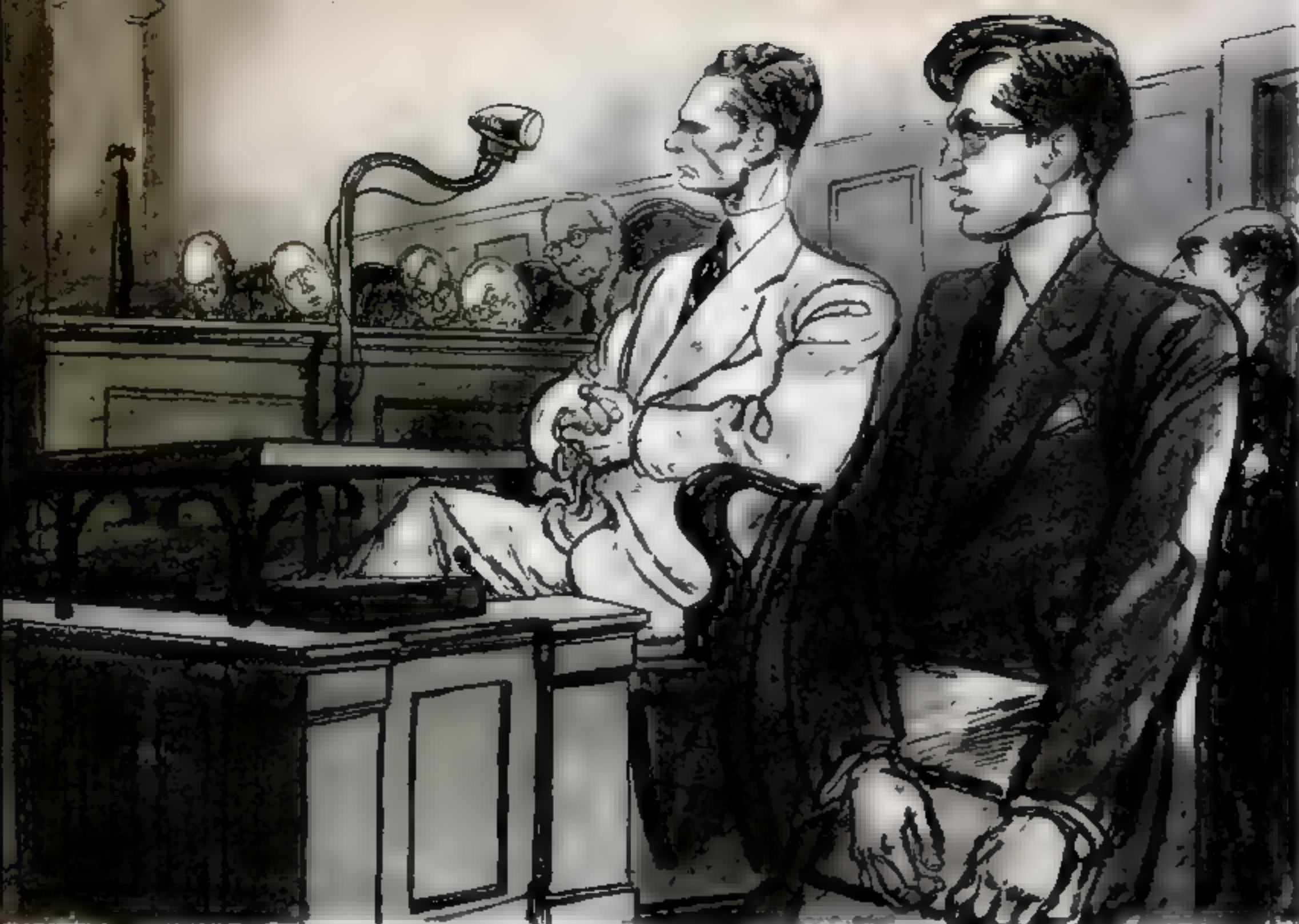
Red-headed Walter Reuther was his own machine, feared by opponents for his cool efficiency and mocked affectionately by friends for his "teetotaling" habits. He won his fame by sternly ousting Reds from the United Automobile Workers, for his overpowering skill at bargaining, for his bold speeches on housing, education and health. Years ago Reuther's associates listed his three hopes: to be U.A.W. president, to be C.I.O. president, and to be U.S. president. He achieved the first in 1946. He got the second last week. Asked about the third, he isn't talking.

After Reuther's election the C.I.O. ranks closed again. Said good unionist Allan Haywood, "Elections come and go. But this union will go on." Then he led the convention delegates in singing the C.I.O. song: *We'll roll the union on. . . . And if the boss gets in the way, we'll roll it over him, we'll roll the union on.*

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JOB FOR DURKIN is proposed. New A.F. of L. and C.I.O. heads have spoken for healing breach.



SILENT WITNESS was Jerry Anastasio, brother of Albert Anastasia, the reputed hatchetman for

Murder, Inc., and Tony Anastasia, Brooklyn dock boss. Last week he gave name, then remained mute.

EASY DOLLARS

On New York waterfront rule is

It was an odd parade of witnesses that passed before New York State's Crime Commission last week, and the testimony was anything but pretty. The topic was waterfront conditions in the Port of New York, the world's greatest seaport. The witnesses were shipowners, stevedores and unionists, and they talked of shake-downs, kickbacks, pay-offs, theft and murder.

Over the years, it turned out, it had become an accepted custom for shipping lines to buy peace by making handsome cash gifts to labor leaders and by hiring almost any man the union suggested. It was the custom of stevedoring companies, who contract to supply long-shoremen for the shipping lines, to do the same, to put nonworkers on their payrolls and to pay men in the shipping lines as well. One stevedoring company, mostly for "Christmas" and "good will," spent \$489,582 in five years. Another, it was testified, had Union President Joseph Ryan, head of the International

CAST OF CHARACTERS INCLUDES EX-CONS AND EXECUTIVES.



CHIEF OF LOCAL No. 824, known as "pistol local" because of many past shootings in its area, is Harold Bowers. A witness said he helped force the U.S. Lines to hire his cousin's stevedoring outfit.



UNION LEADER in Hoboken area is Ed Florio, who has a long police record. President of stevedoring company unloading sugar in his area said he gave Florio \$2,000 "to keep things going smoothly."



UNION DELEGATE "Tony Cheese" Marchitto, Jersey City, has only one official black mark on his record—an indictment for assault. But he is in control of docks where there have been heavy pay-offs.



UNION PRESIDENT Joseph Ryan, head of the I.L.A., has received regular gifts from stevedores, it was testified. Internal revenue investigators have moved in and are checking his income tax returns.



GENEROUS STEVEDORE Michael Castellana told of giving gifts to Jerry Anastasio and to executives. He also made \$11,000 "loan," not repaid, to finance the fancy wedding of Clementi's daughter.



ANGRY STEVEDORE, Captain Paineas Blanchard, a 74-year-old ex-salt water man, said Anastasio and Frank Russo, I.L.A. delegate, asked him for \$100-a-week spots on payroll, which he refused.

ON THE DOCKS

a pay-off, a kickback—or else

Longshoremen's Association, down for \$1,500 a year—delivered to his office in an envelope.

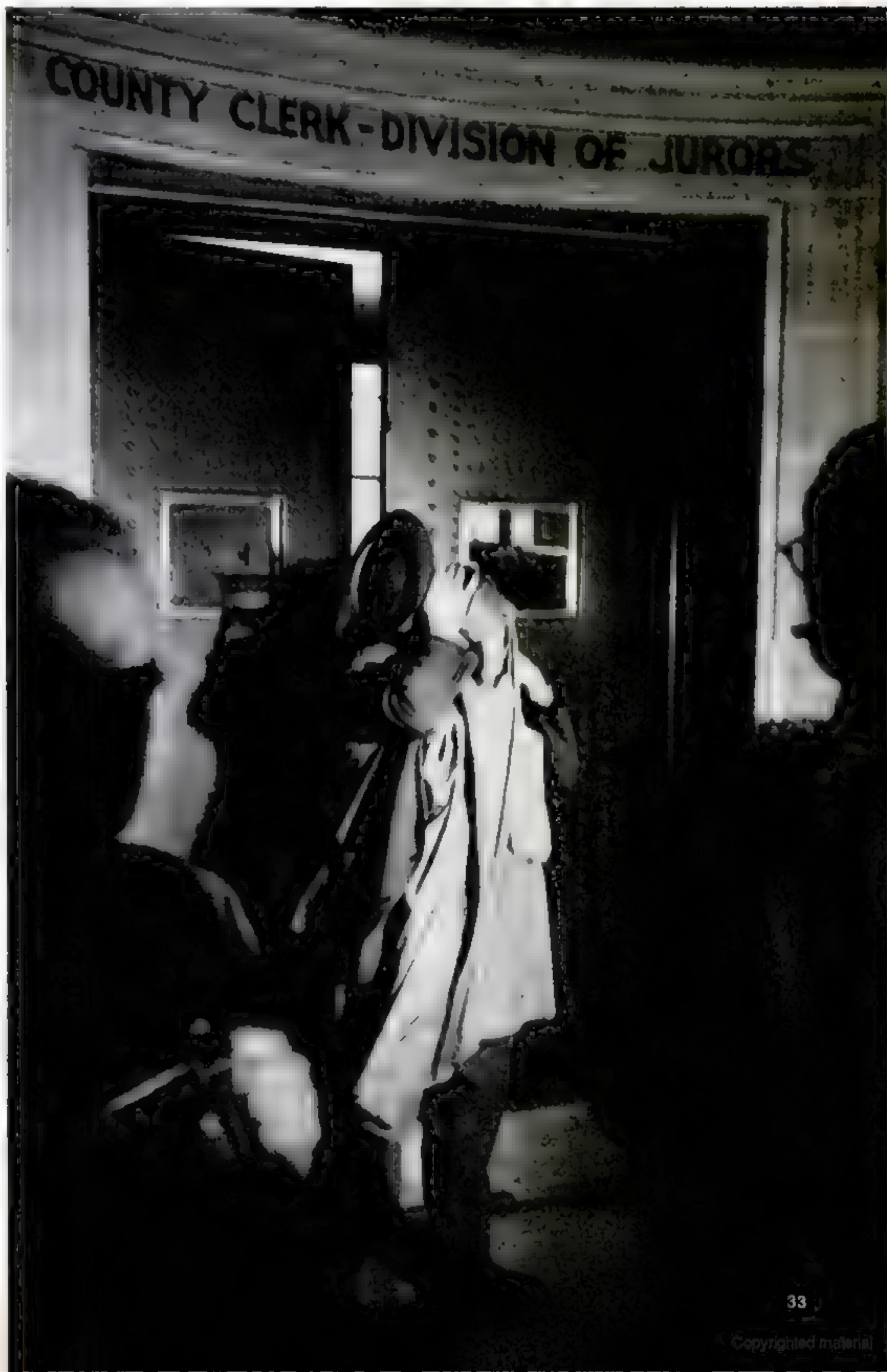
The main beneficiaries in presents and power were officials of the union, which has absolute control along the waterfront. Its leaders could force hiring of known hoodlums—even a man like William Vander Wyde who later went to the penitentiary for murder—or threaten strikes if police were allowed on some docks.

The union's power depends on an archaic hiring system called "the shape-up," and on a surplus of longshoremen—New York has perhaps three for every job. All of them belong to Ryan's I.L.A. and they show up mornings to ask for work. The hiring boss, a union man, picks the men he needs and sends the rest away. Thus all are ready to obey a union boss when he wants a kickback of pay or calls for a flash strike to enforce union demands, and the longshoreman himself becomes at once the key and the butt of the whole intricate deal.



AREA RULED BY THE "PISTOL LOCAL" LIES ALONG NEW YORK DOCKS ACROSS HUDSON FROM JERSEY

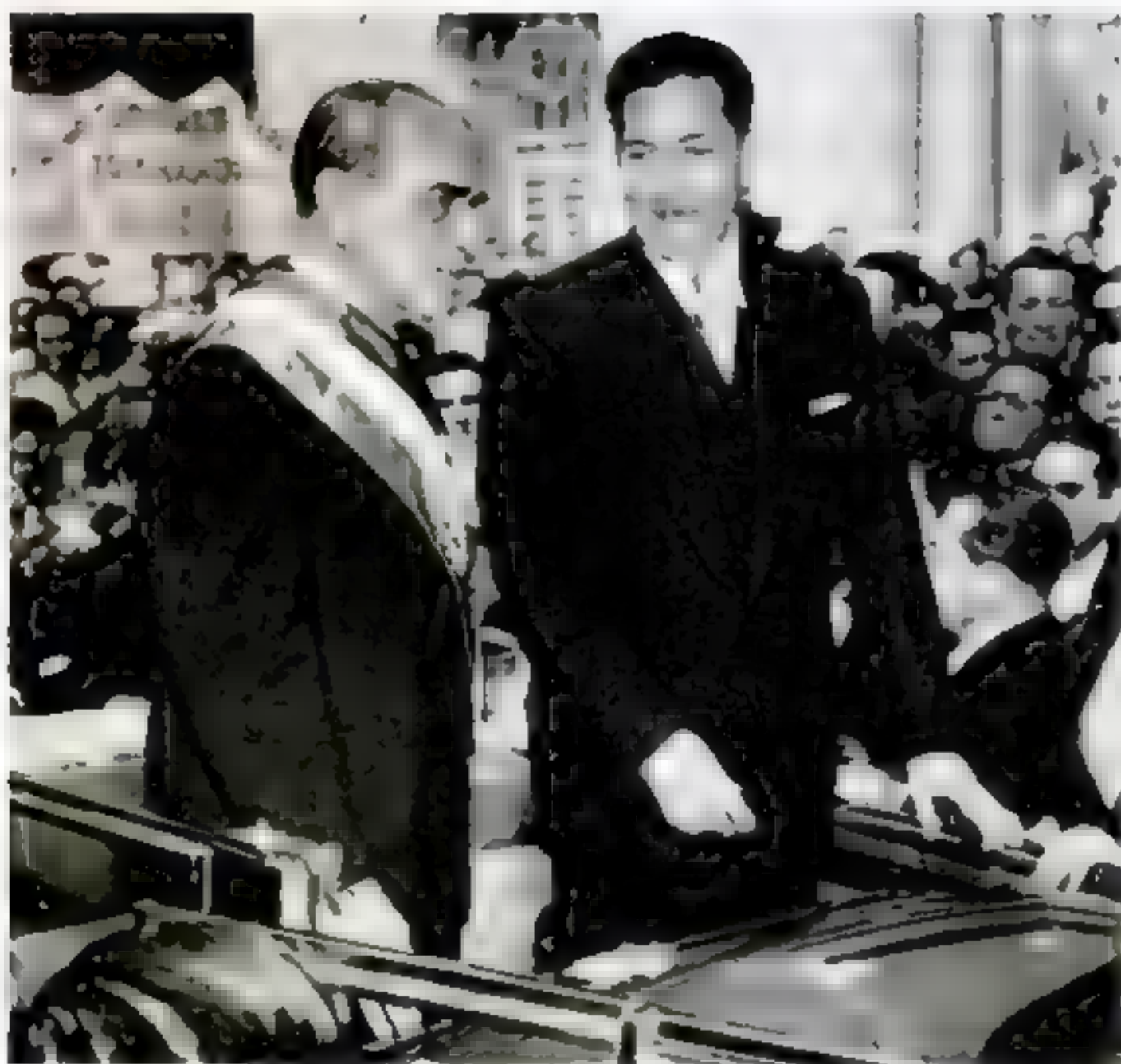
DRAPED IN A COAT TO HIDE FROM CAMERA, FOREMAN ANTHONY DEL MAR LEAVES THE CRIME HEARING



EAST SIDE BOSS, I.L.A.'s Mike Clementi, who has a police record, is now under indictment, got up to \$600 a month "for nothing" for two years, said Vincent Carpenter, a transport company executive.



SHIPPING MAGNATE Jones E. Deylin, general manager of the powerful U.S. Lines (S.S. United States), told of union pressure and "pilferage" that included one "remarkable" theft of 10 tons of steel.



NEW PRESIDENT AND OLD ride away from the inaugural together. Ruiz Cortines wearing symbolic sash of the chief of state as he stands beside Alemán

AN INAUGURAL FIESTA

In Mexico holidaying voters install new president

Mexico, where democratic elections have been the rule for 22 years now, last week installed Adolfo Ruiz Cortines as its new president. After a week of fiestas celebrating the public works program of his predecessor, Miguel Alemán, Ruiz Cortines took office with a promise that he would demand "honesty, decency and morality" from public officials. Although Ruiz Cortines is Alemán's hand-picked protégé, the inaugural pledge sounded like a declaration of independence from a previous regime which has been accused of being lax about graft in its ranks.

Venezuela too started out to have a democratic election—but wound up last week with a military coup. Since an earlier coup four years ago, Colonel Marcos Pérez Jiménez (*below, left*) had been strong man of a junta which ruled Venezuela without a president. The junta decided it could win a constituent assembly election by free balloting. But when early tallies showed his candidates losing, Jiménez clamped on censorship, the junta resigned and, in its place, Jiménez was proclaimed president by the army. Then, against what the *New York Times* called a "background of arbitrary rule, censorship and . . . suppression . . ." Jiménez claimed that his tally of the votes had put his party in power.

IN VENEZUELA A DICTATOR CANCELS VOTES



WINNER BY COUP, Colonel Marcos Pérez Jiménez proclaimed himself Venezuela's president by "decision of the armed forces."



LOSER BY DECREE, Jóvito Villalba, who was not running for office, is boss of opposition which led in early returns before coup.





RIVALS IN STRIPED PANTS at inaugural were U.S. Ambassador William O'Dwyer (*above, left*, with Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan), representing President Truman, and Vice President-elect Richard Nixon, representing Eisenhower. Nixon, who has bitterly attacked O'Dwyer, met him only once, shook hands stiffly. Six days after inaugural, O'Dwyer's resignation became effective.



NEIGHBORS' TRIBUTE to Alemán and Ruiz Cortines, both of whom come from Vera Cruz, was state's float at Chapultepec Park gala after the inaugural.



HUNGRY DIPLOMATS, after the new president's reception for delegates of 57 foreign powers, got cold meats, patés, cake and champagne at National Palace.

LABOR'S VIEW FROM A PLATEAU

WARNING FROM SOMERSET

On a recent Friday afternoon seven policemen drove squad cars up the rough road to a 300-year-old farmhouse in the rolling hill country of England's Somerset. There they served Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hasell with an order of eviction—not for debt, but for “bad husbandry.” Soon the Hasells, wet-eyed, loaded their belongings into the old family car and chugged off into the night for refuge with neighbors and friends. Father, mother and seven children, they had been deprived of the Englishman's most cherished possession, the home which is—or used to be—his castle.

The Hasell case was one of a growing number of tragedies of life under the British Agricultural Act of 1947. How could such a thing happen in freedom-loving Britain? This is how. During World War II when Britain was faced with the tremendous task of shifting its agriculture from animal husbandry to crop cultivation, emergency committees were armed with vast powers, including eviction, to enforce efficiency in agriculture. Home-grown food in embattled Britain had a near top priority.

Instead of letting the system lapse at the end of the war, the new labor government, torn in the sterling crisis with the need for maximizing home production, eagerly sought further cooperation from the farmers. A bargain was struck whereby the farmers, in return for government price and market guarantees, agreed to submit to regulation. Written into the Agricultural Act of 1947 were what seemed to be adequate democratic safeguards—farmers themselves would serve on the county Agricultural Executive Committees; there would be an appeals tribunal with farmers on it. But the weapon of eviction was there. And there was no provision for appeal to law.

In the last few years eviction proceedings have been brought against nearly 250 farmers. The county committees, all supporters of the act, increasingly delegated their authority to hired snoopers, many of them former “bad farmers” themselves. In short, what was hatched as democratic planning became plain tyranny. The law has aroused increasing opposition. Two hundred farmer-neighbors signed a petition for Ted Hassel. Though admittedly not the best farmer in the world, he had been railroaded, his friends felt, out of the farm his family had owned for three centuries.

The American farmer will know very well what this is all about. For 20 years now he has felt the hand of the Washington bureaucracy stirring increasingly into his affairs, offering to trade market security for administrative control. The English experience should warn him about just what the bargain means.

The American labor movement's choice for president was Adlai Stevenson. Last week he assured the C.I.O. that his defeat was not a disaster for labor, “nor necessarily even a misfortune.”

The C.I.O., busy electing Walter Reuther its own new president, seemed to accept this counsel as sound (pp. 30-31). The A.F. of L., one of whose officers has been named Eisenhower's Secretary of Labor, has even less reason to fear the new regime. Yet labor's role in our political life during the next four years is bound to be quite different from that of the last 20. Its favorite party is out of power; its two leaders, Murray and Green, are dead; and it acquires fresh leadership at the precise time when its goals seem to need fresh definition.

The presence of a union careerist, Martin Durkin, in the new Cabinet is a hostage to the protection of labor's past gains. By and large, after 20 years of climbing, labor finds itself on a fairly rich and respectable plateau. According to Stevenson, the “long battle for status and recognition has largely been won.”

He is certainly right about recognition. The organization drives of the '30s and '40s have more than tripled union membership to something like 15 million—out of a total of 62 million employed. Some experts figure that union membership has reached a saturation point, in that new organizing drives confront diminishing returns from money and effort. If so, the unions have reached this plateau without beginning to monopolize labor. This is probably good both for the flexibility of the economy and the health of the unions.

Is Stevenson also right about labor's “status”? That battle is only partly won. Union leaders have begun to get honorary degrees from universities and invitations to join country clubs. Their names lend prestige to the letterheads of worthy causes; they are becoming more active in civic and charity affairs. The ferment of democracy has started but not completed the erasure of foolish social distinction between wage and salary earners.

Generally speaking, the post-New Deal labor movement has not altered old Sam Gompers' one-word definition of labor's goals: “MORE.” This is a goal common to most Americans. At bargaining time most unions can sound quite reckless about where the “more” is supposed to come from. At other times, however, the unions have come to recognize, with management, that the only real source of “more” is rising productivity. As this doctrine deepens and the fear of mass unemployment continues to wane, class-war rhetoric (such as Walter Reuther was still using before the C.I.O. convention last week) and feather-bed rules should alike become more and more obsolete. The famous

General Motors-U.A.W. contract of 1950-55 may prove to have been a historic turning point in U.S. labor-management relations, for it clearly recognizes the connection between wages and productivity. This contract, by the way, was negotiated by Reuther and “Engine Charlie” Wilson, the new Secretary of Defense.

With average hourly wages at an all-time high (\$1.69), most unions have already diverted their bargaining energies from hourly rates to security benefits and also to a large new problem area, the guaranteed annual wage, of which much more will be heard. On the legislative front, labor has talked itself into an impossible position toward the Taft-Hartley Act, but there are many indications that its high command really accepts Senator Taft's quite reasonable slate of corrective amendments. There may be more serious disagreements over industry-wide bargaining, a controversial issue on which Congress would do well to go slow until more evidence is in. For its part, labor has a big job to do in bringing all unions and union practices up to the standard of the best. The criminals who pass as union men on the New York waterfront, for example, should get the same kind of treatment U.S. labor gave the Communists in driving them from its ranks.

President-elect Eisenhower will take office at a time of labor peace. No big contracts are scheduled to be reopened in the immediate future. The mood is one of calm expectancy, in which labor looks to the White House for the playing of the next card. If labor's new “maturity” is recognized as such, it will prove more genuine than if it is scorned or suspected.

But does maturity mean stagnation? Has labor nothing to do but stand pat? Some union leaders don't think so. They identify labor's interest not only with old gains at home but with freedom abroad. George Meany and Walter Reuther have both actively sponsored an aggressive fight against Communism in European labor, waged by able men like Irving Brown (A.F. of L.) and Victor Reuther (C.I.O.). Most of the mass-production unions have long since abandoned labor's old protectionism and are urging freer trade. In its November *Economic Outlook*, the C.I.O. reverses one traditional union policy by advocating the relaxation of immigration restrictions. The logic of an expansionist economic system appeals to labor as to other Americans.

Such is the state of U.S. labor in this interregnum. If the omens hold and tempers are kept, the U.S. may be in for a refreshing period of labor-management peace. But as an organ of democracy, the union movement has an agenda as long as democracy's own. It has no reason to be afraid, still less reason to relax.

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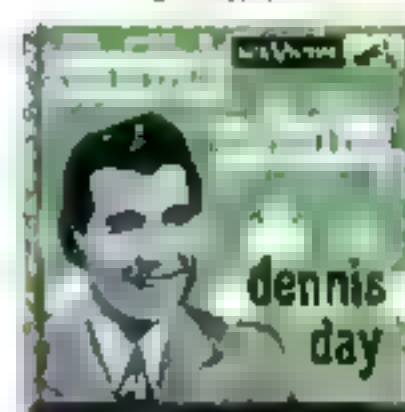
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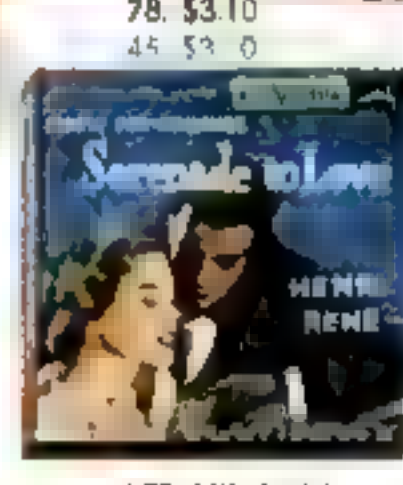
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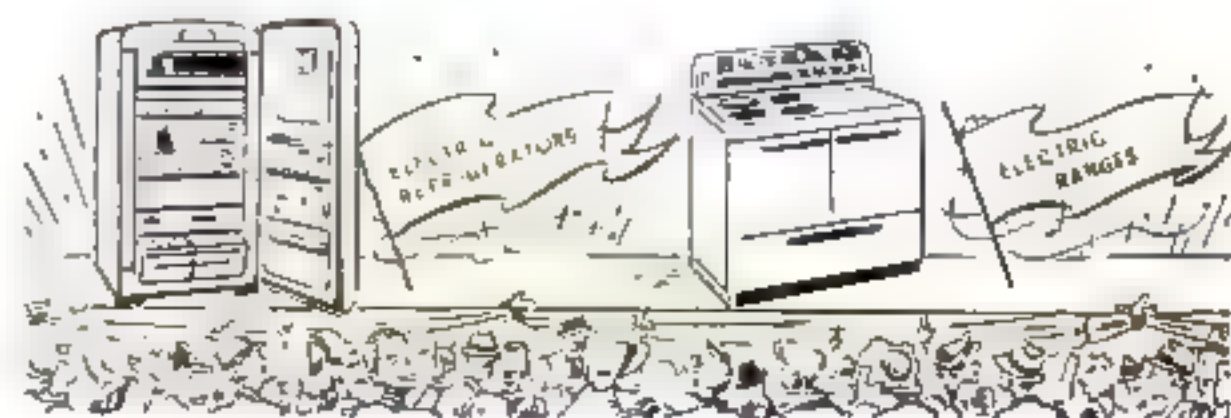
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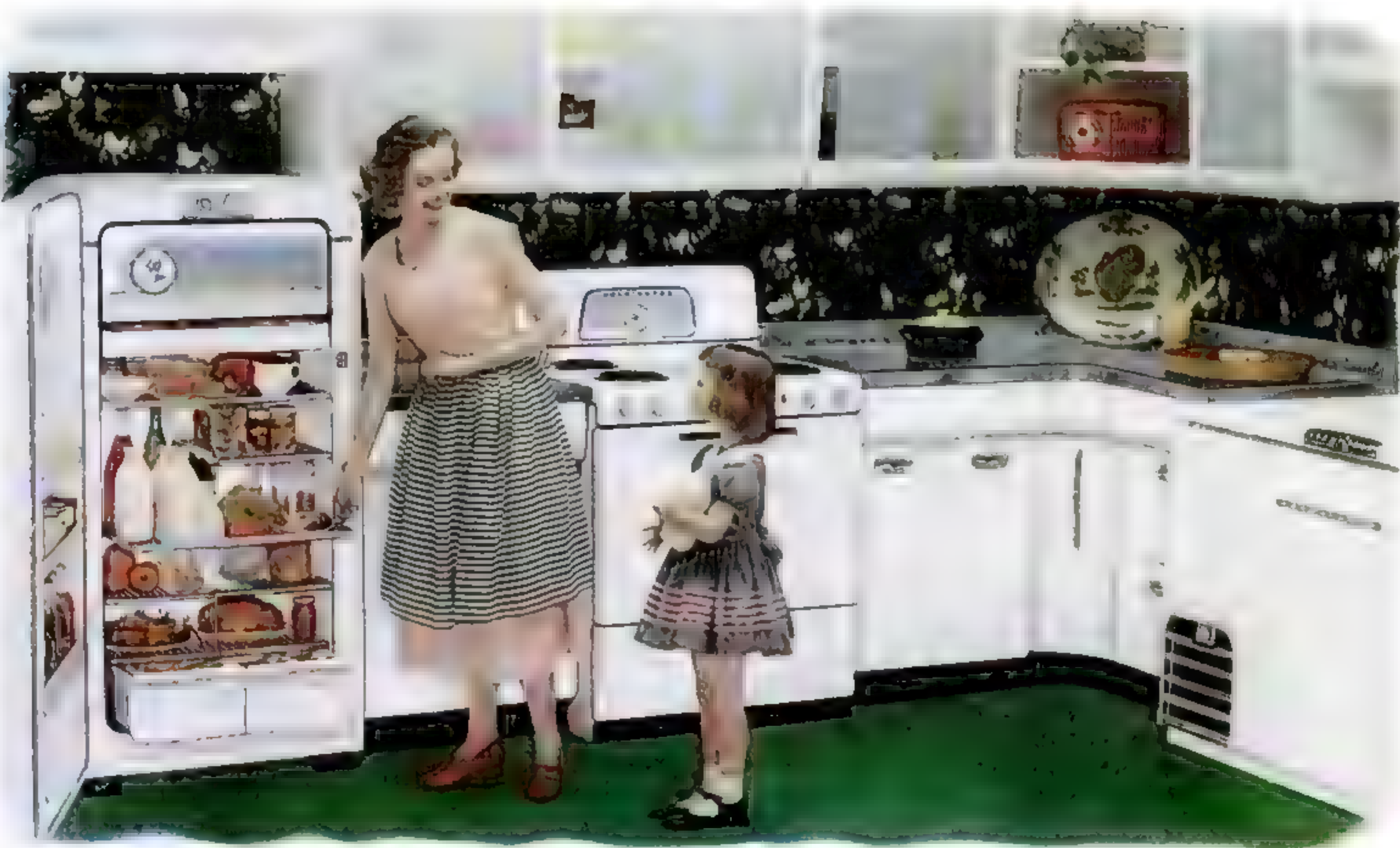


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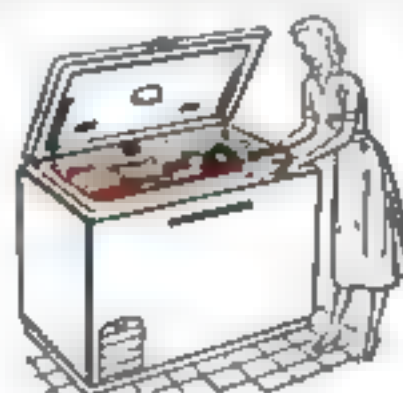
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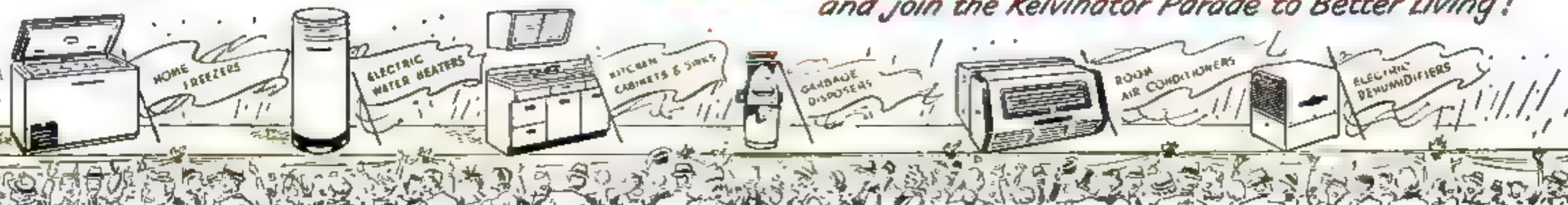
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LAST OF THE BIG FOUR

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For a few years in his middle age Vittorio Emanuele Orlando was one of the world shakers. His vigorous leadership helped Italy recover from the disastrous defeat at Caporetto in 1917 and earned him the title "Premier of Victory." In 1919 he was one of the Big Four who at Versailles drew up a new map of the world. An opponent of Mussolini, he went into political retirement in 1924 but came back into prominence in 1945, aged 85, to raise his voice for the proud, peppery Italian nationalism to which he had been devoted all his life. He raged steadily against the "humiliations" imposed on Italy by the victors in World War II. His joy in political controversy never slackened, any more than his love for good living. When in 1947 a newspaper excused itself for not getting an interview from him by saying he had been out all night, he called up to give thanks for the compliment. Last week he died, aged 92, and all Italy mourned him.



BIER was covered by Orlando's barrister's robe, army hat and sword. Body was clad in coat and striped trousers worn at Versailles.



BIG FOUR IN 1919: ORLANDO, BRITAIN'S LLOYD GEORGE, FRANCE'S CLEMENCEAU, WOODROW WILSON

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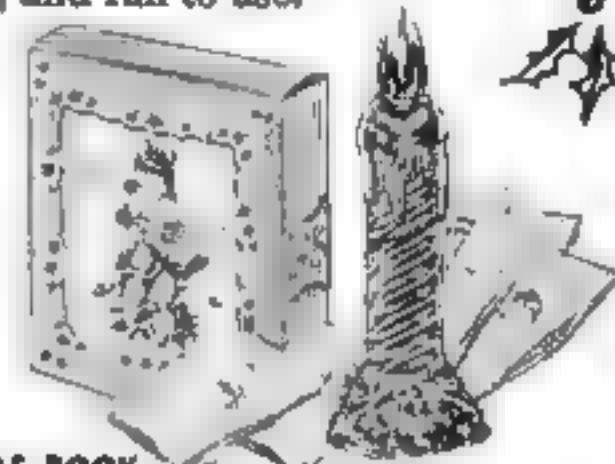


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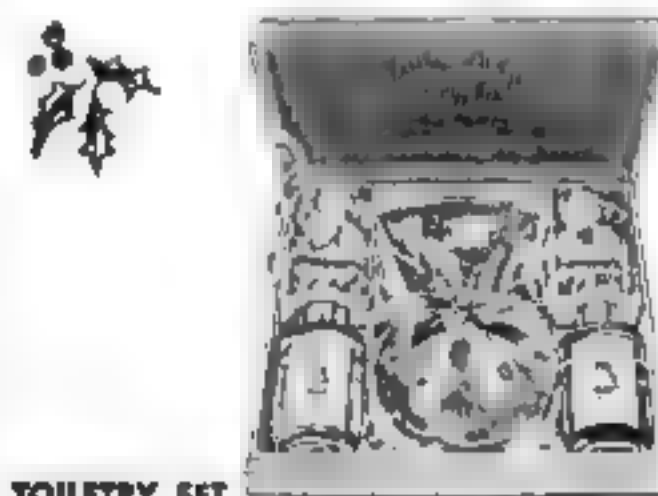
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You get used to a place. And when that place has been home for as many years as it has been to Grandma Carver, the rooms become filled with memories that you hate to leave.

She sometimes visits her daughters in turn for short spells during the year. But always at Christmas time the girls come back home with their husbands and their children to spend the holiday with her.

They trim a big tree, put holly and fir around,

and the house is filled with a mixture of never-to-be-forgotten fragrances. Hot mince pie and roasting turkey. Cranberry sauce and spice cake.

On Christmas morning they all go into the living room. There are always gifts galore for everyone—and there is always much laughter and excitement.

And there are always some very specially wrapped packages under the tree for Elizabeth and her children and her grandchildren. These packages are saved for last and opened very carefully.

The cards on these very special gifts all say, "From Santa Claus"—as the cards on packages such as these have said for over fifteen years.

And Elizabeth Carver and her daughters spend more time undoing these packages. Their fingers dwell a little longer at the ribbons, a little longer at the seals.

Because they know that even though Elizabeth

Carver bought these gifts and wrapped them and wrote the cards and placed them underneath the tree, the money came from a special fund Phil Carver left for this, and this alone, some fifteen years ago.

For over and above the life insurance that would see his daughters through school and his wife taken care of through the years, Phil Carver had also arranged with his New York Life agent to have a special separate check delivered to Elizabeth every year just before Christmas time.

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LIFE ON THE NEWSFRONTS OF THE WORLD

Mamie pays visit to her new home and world's biggest diamond is sold

While her husband was inspecting Korea (pp. 23-29), Mamie Eisenhower inspected the house at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue that she will move into on Jan. 20. She and Bess Truman spent so much time outside the White House posing for photographers that when they finally got inside, Bess had the sniffles and Mamie was looking concerned. Reporting



WHITE HOUSE DOOR FRAMES BESS AND MAMIE

this event as only a woman, a Democrat and a former occupant of the White House could do it, Columnist Eleanor Roosevelt wrote: "I could not help recalling when I visited Mrs. Hoover. I certainly was not as well dressed as Mrs. Eisenhower was. The White House today is in a great deal better condition than it was when my husband and I entered it. . . . Mrs. Eisenhower missed visiting the kitchen, and I always felt that that was one of the most important and interesting parts of the house. Perhaps Mrs. Eisenhower felt there would be plenty of time in the future for that."

Germany nears European Community

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer last week brought his country one step nearer to ratification of the peace contract and the European Defense Community. After bitter debate the lower house supported Adenauer by a margin of more than 50 votes in a preliminary vote on the treaties. The chancellor has postponed the final vote until the courts can rule on the constitutionality of the treaties as well as on the vital point of what size majority is necessary for ratification. Adenauer seems to be assured of a simple majority, but he probably would have a very difficult time gaining a two-thirds majority.

Six days after the death sentence was passed on 11 purged Czech leaders (LIFE, Dec. 8) they were hanged in Prague. In Kiev in the Ukraine the purge was carried on in a new way as a Russian military tribunal entered the field of commerce to sentence three businessmen to be shot for embezzlement.

Jury denounces State Department

After nine months' work a federal grand jury brought out a scathing report on disloyal Americans in the U.N. The jury charged the State Department with giving "a clean bill of health" to some of the "most flagrant and obvious cases of disloyalty" and also denounced the Department of Justice for trying to block publication of the report. No specific indictments were made against individual U.N. employees,

but the investigation will probably continue. Meantime Secretary General Trygve Lie announced the dismissal of nine American U.N. employees who had refused to tell U.S. investigators whether or not they had ever been engaged in subversive activities.

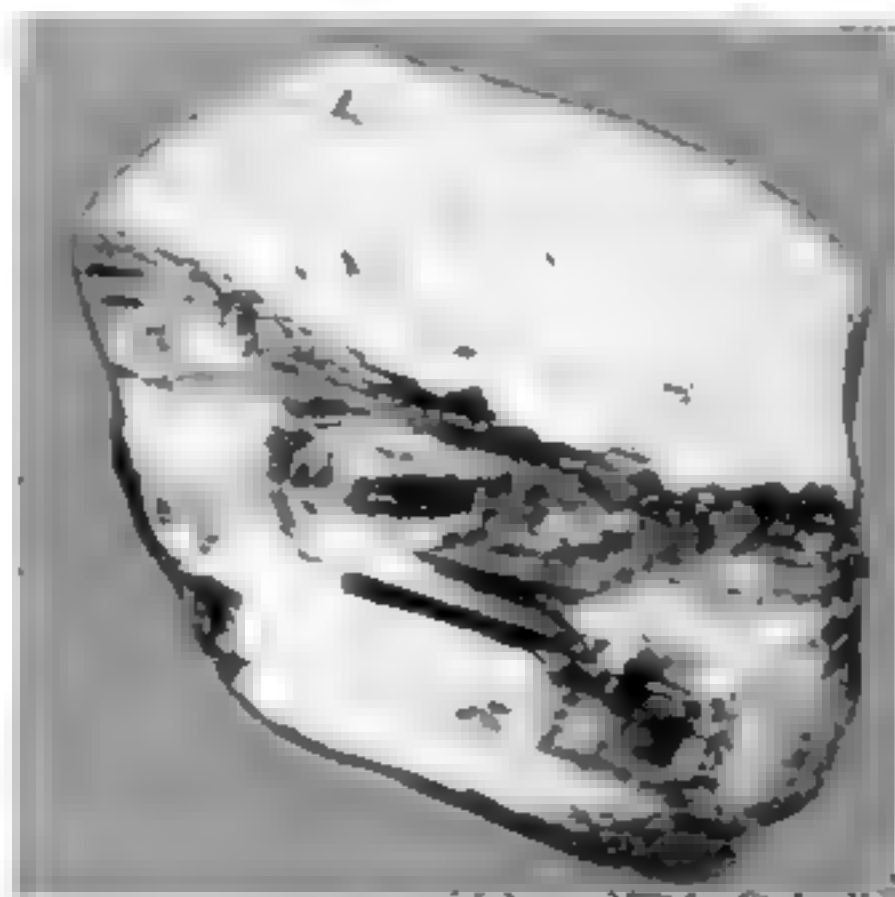
After years of research the Personnel Institute has discovered the iconoclastic fact that the best business executive is the brilliant but basically lazy man. Such a man will avoid troublesome details and make simple, direct plans. The Institute is sorry to report that "an astonishing high percentage of American management personnel can be put in the stupid and industrious class"—the class that causes all the trouble.

It's dangerous to be lovely

Attempts to be sweet and lovely were described last week as hazardous undertakings. In a scientific address, Dr. Alsoph Corwin, head of the Johns Hopkins University chemistry department, asserted that chlorophyll does not deodorize the body when taken internally since it does not appear to be absorbed into the blood stream. In fact, says Dr. Corwin, most chlorophyll products are really copper-containing derivatives of chlorophyll, and too much copper can cause serious damage to the liver.

Meanwhile, in New York, fire commissioners ordered the manufacturers of liquid hair net preparations to put conspicuous warnings on their products, because, if they come close to lighted matches, they react "almost like a blowtorch."

In an unusual display of real internationalism the lower house of the Netherlands Parliament paved the way for European union by voting last week to yield legislative, administrative and judicial powers to international organizations—even when the decisions of such organizations may conflict with the Dutch constitution.



WORLD'S BIGGEST DIAMOND, ACTUAL SIZE

The largest uncut diamond in the world was sold last week to London's Diamond Corporation by the Sierra Leone Selection Trust for \$420,000. Weighing 770 carats, the fourth largest diamond ever found, this great stone was dug in 1945 from the gravel bed of the Woyie River in Sierra Leone, British West Africa.



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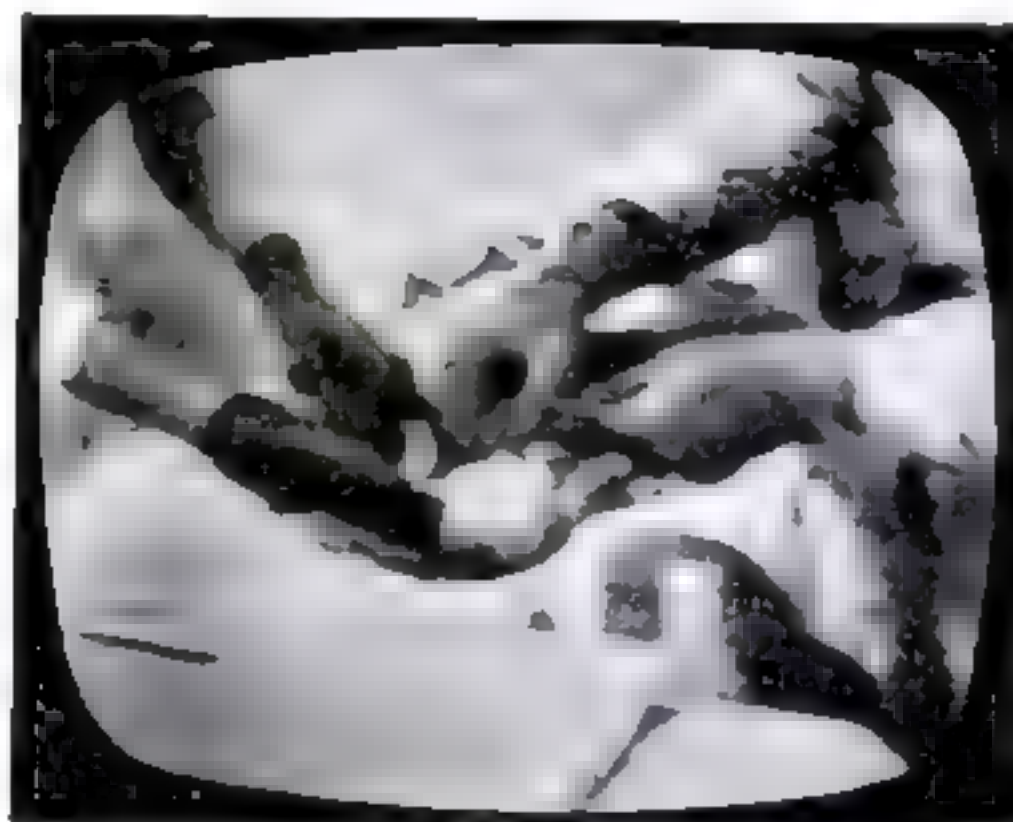
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NEWSFRONTS CONTINUED

After six anxious years New York customs men sold 110,448 unclaimed bottles of Virgin Islands gin and thus escaped the weary task of smashing them one by one. They sold the stuff for \$1,080 to an oriental rug dealer who agreed to sell it outside the U.S. after removing, one by one, the 110,448 Internal Revenue stamps.

India plan is passed—to no avail

India's peace plan for Korea (LIFE, Dec. 1 and 8) finally came to a vote in the U.N. last week and was passed by an overwhelming majority both in the Political and Security Committee and afterward in the General Assembly. The plan has now been submitted to the Red China and North Korea governments for their approval, but the five dissenting votes of the Soviet bloc crushed all but the faintest hope that the plan will be accepted. The best the U.N. could hope for was a propaganda victory in Asia.



TV has its first baby

An audience estimated at 12 million people last week witnessed a historic event: the birth of a baby on television. TV cameras in Denver's Colorado General Hospital recorded doctors' preparations for a Caesarean section on Mrs. John Kerr, and through a stethoscope microphones picked up the beat of the baby's heart while it was still in the womb. Audiences did not see the actual moment of birth, but they saw the newborn baby carried into the nursery, cleaned and induced to take its first breath (above). By far the most interested onlooker at the birth of Gordon Campbell Kerr was his father, Sgt. John Kerr, who watched proceedings on the hospital's TV screen (below).



Because Sugar Ray Robinson was more interested in being a nightclub entertainer (LIFE, Nov. 10) than in defending his title over the past six months, the New York State Athletic Commission says he has forfeited the middleweight crown.

Truman helps miners beat wage board

When the Wage Stabilization Board refused to approve the coal miners' \$1.90-a-day raise on the grounds that it was inflationary (LIFE, Nov. 3), the miners held out for every penny. Last week President Truman settled the matter by overruling the WSB and granting the full increase, inflationary or not, with the somewhat surprising explanation that he didn't want to embarrass the new administration. WSB Chairman Archibald Cox promptly resigned.

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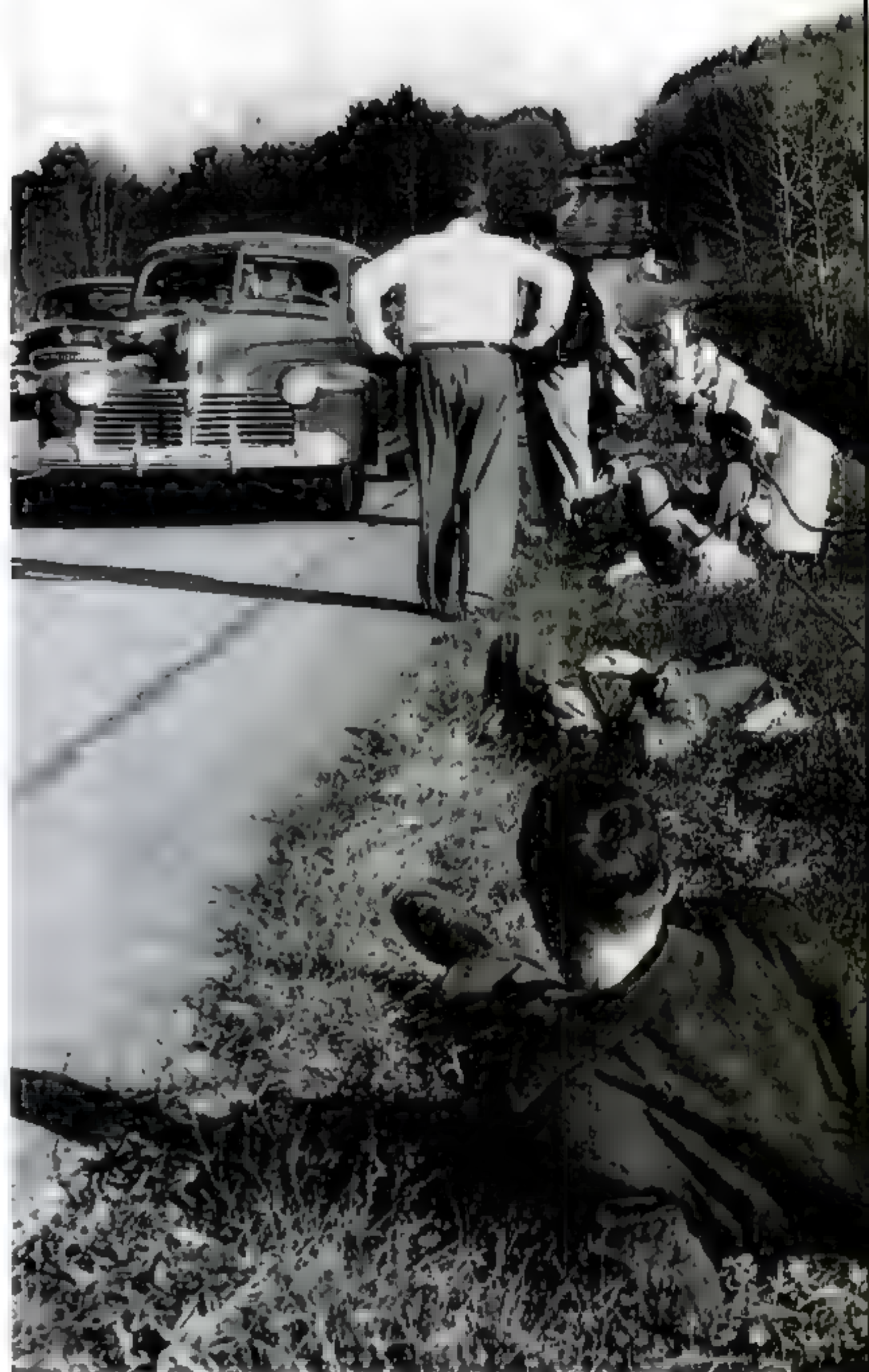
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CURTAINS FOR THE SENIOR PLAY



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A truckload of students planning a comedy overturns and nearly produces an unrehearsed tragedy

Miss Connolly, the dramatic coach, thought all the time that the seniors in the cast of Luzerne (Pa.) High School's senior play were safely in the classroom. The classroom teacher thought they were with Miss Connolly. Actually the seniors had taken advantage of this very confusion and were out in an openback truck tooting along Route 115 and singing as they rode.

There were three in front, nine in back and one of them, Jerry Stolarski, 16 (p. 52), was driving. The seniors were out looking for props for their play, a comedy called *The Brain Storm*.

Suddenly the truck began to weave, swerved to the left, hit an abutment, bounced back to the right and overturned. Its youthful cargo lay sprawled in moaning lumps in the ditch

and along the road. Of the 12 seniors 10 were badly injured (*next page*). LIFE's Photographer Gordon Parks, passing by on another assignment, got to the wreck just after the rescuers and in time to get these unusual pictures of the students still stunned and bloody, lining the side of the road and to hear one muttering dazedly, "Now we'll never have the play."

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FACE CUTS and shock stunned Joseph Roman but he later insisted on walking around. By week's end he was out of hospital; only one girl remained.



CUTS AND CONCUSSION were suffered by Roberta Atherholt who was bung unconscious into a watery ravine, came to saying, "I'm cold, I'm cold."



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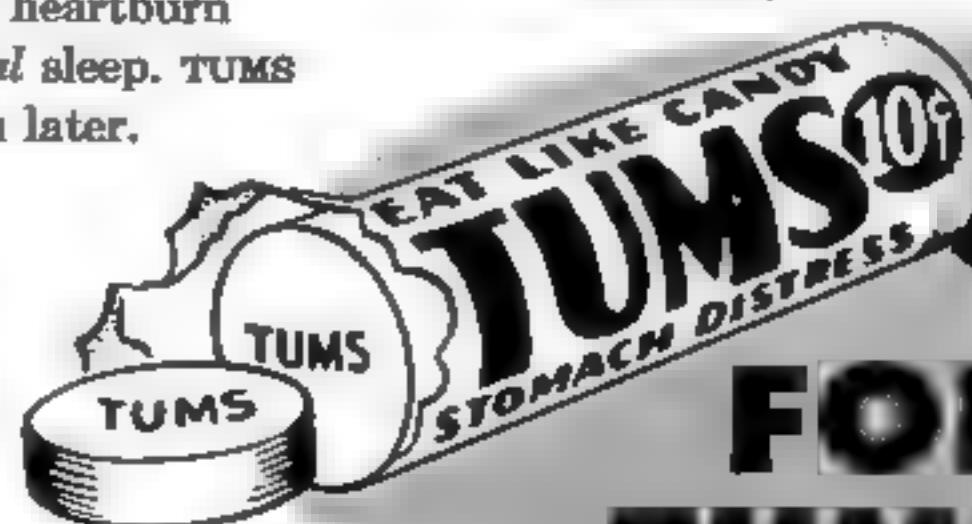
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CARRYING VICTIM, six men haul Roberta Atherholt from ravine. Rescuers included passers-by, police and the members of a nearby fire department.



GRAPPLING FOR BODY, a fireman pokes a wrecking hook into pond, fearing that the incoherent and shaken seniors had miscounted truck's passengers.



DISCONSOLATE DRIVER, Jerry Stolarski, sits in the hospital, comforted by a pastor, W. F. Edmunds. Jerry has no idea how the crash happened.

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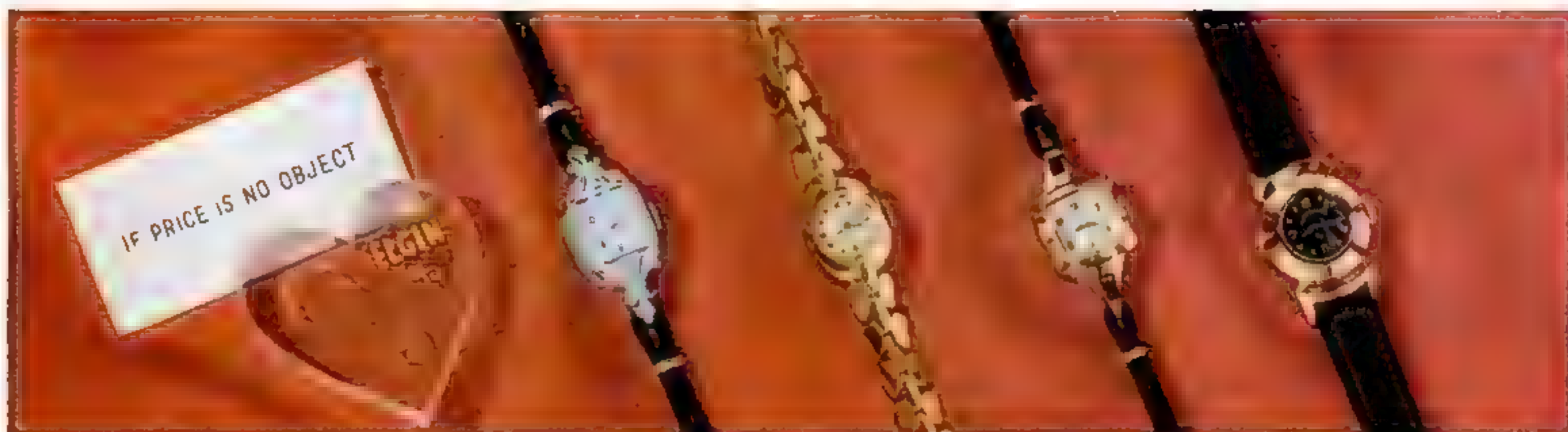
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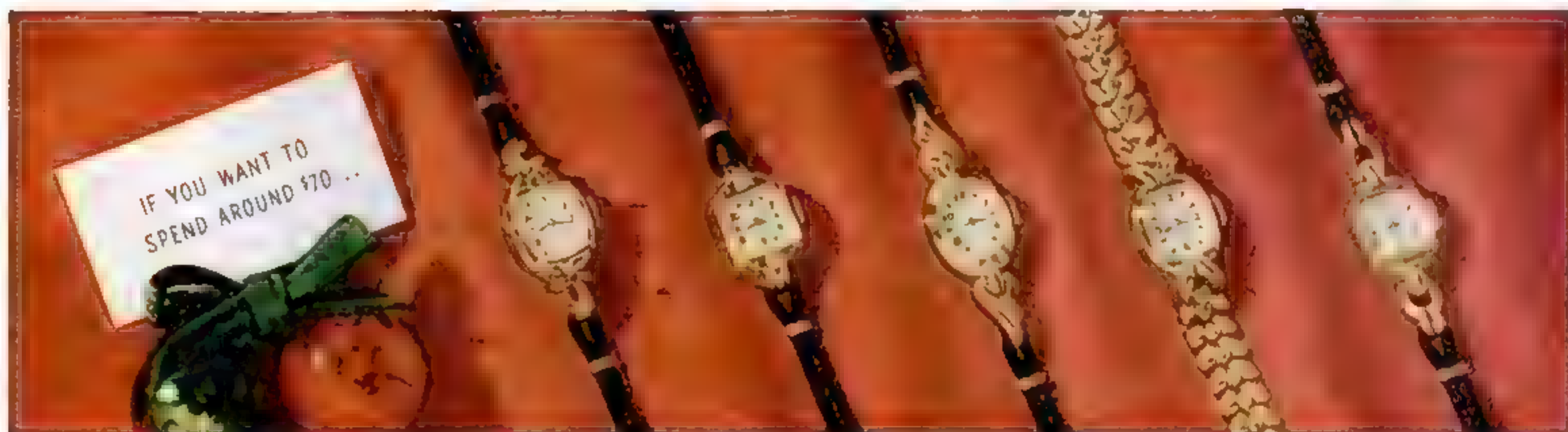
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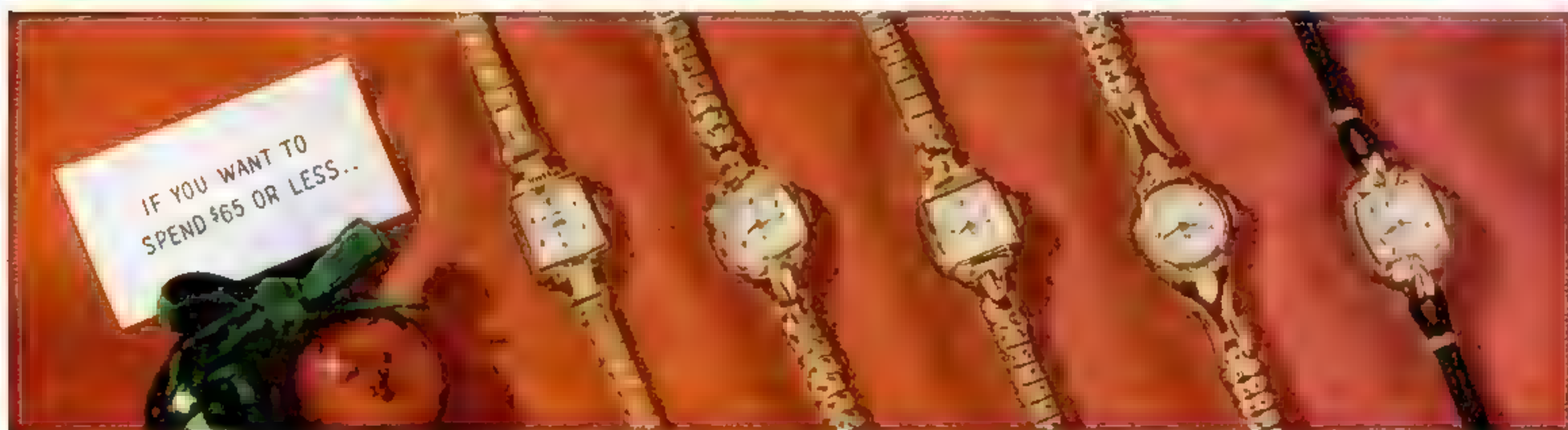
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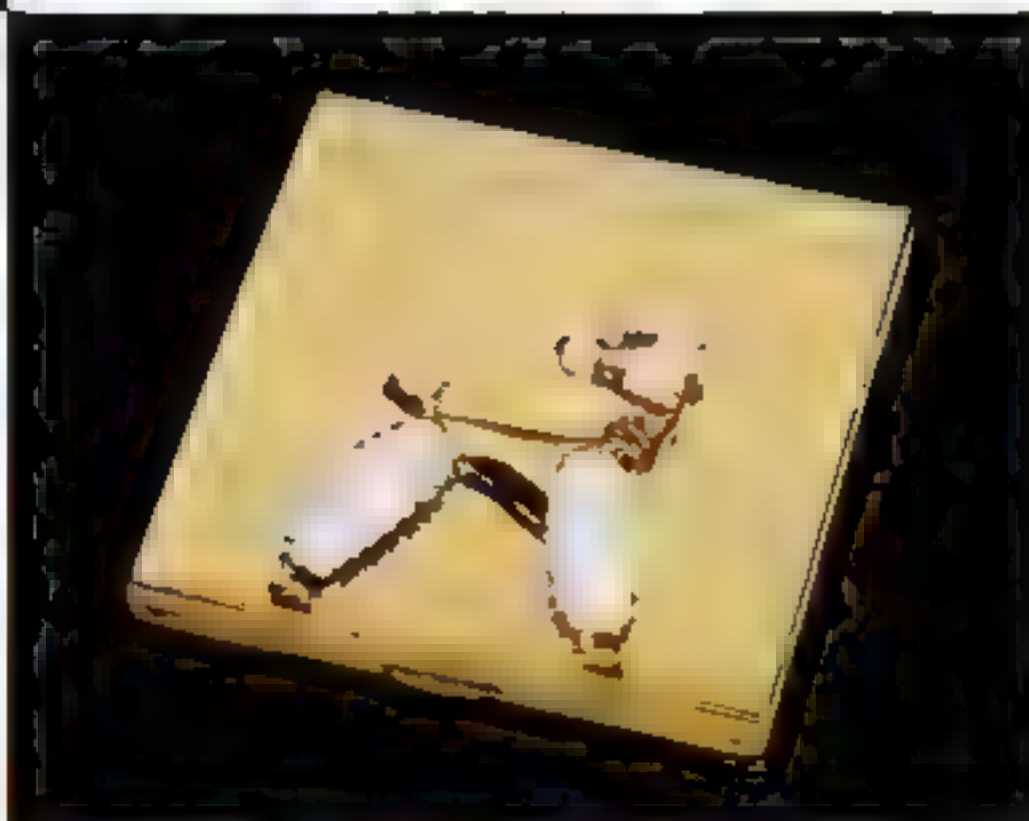
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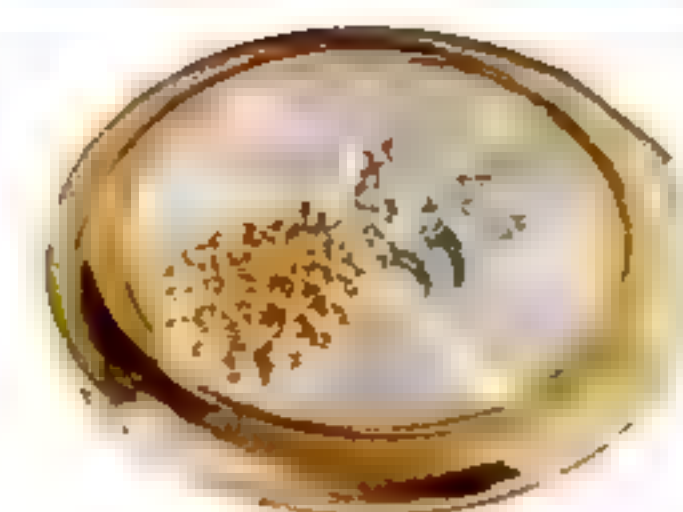
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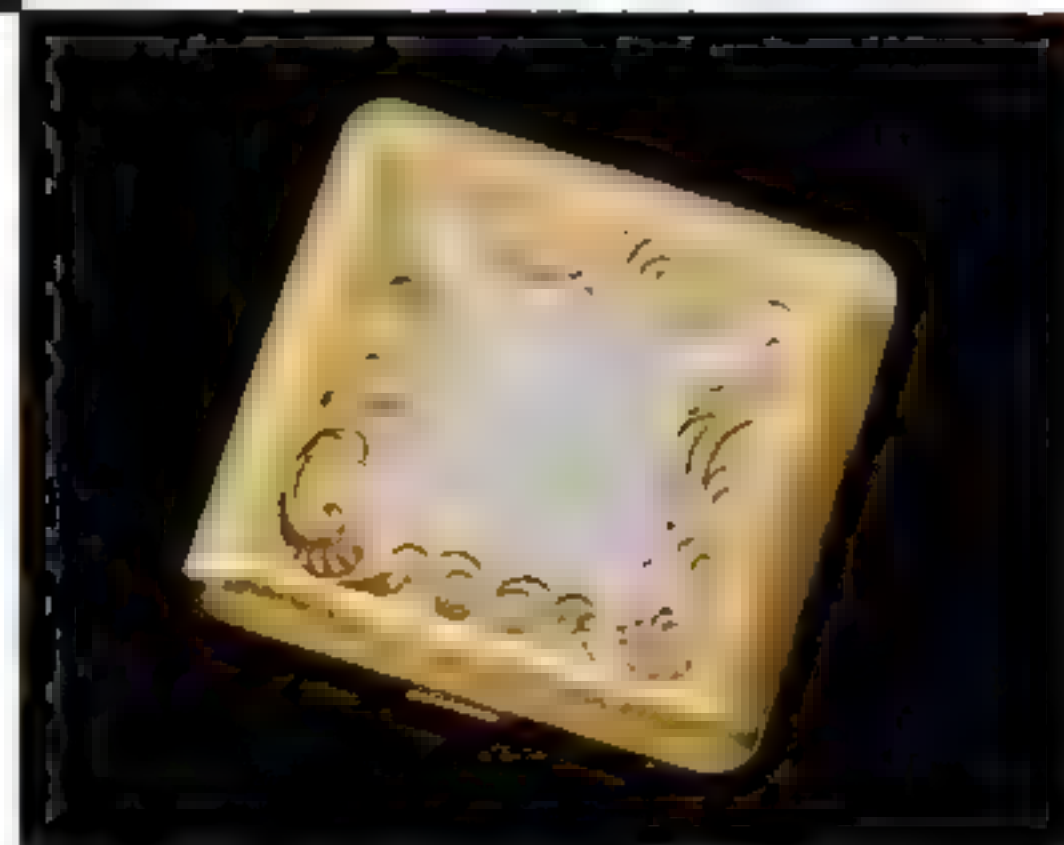
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HEAVING HANDS

A French puppeteer named Yves Joly threw away his puppets one day and worked out a technique—recently displayed on an American tour, for achieving the same effects with

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AN EXISTENTIALIST START

An actor before the war, Yves Joly turned to puppetry when captured by the Germans, forming a puppet troupe in the prison camp to entertain fellow captives. After the war he became a professional puppeteer (it was better than acting, he said, because "now I was my own boss") and four years ago suddenly asked himself, "Why should one need stick-figured puppets when the hands do all the work?" His act using only hands was tried out in a Parisian existentialist cafe, whose patrons loved it. After a year of successes in Europe Joly's troupe of four gesticulating experts came to the U.S. and scored new hits in night-clubs from coast to coast. Now back in Paris, they are preparing for another tour which will take them to Brussels, Lisbon, Rome and London.

Joly's troupe now spends months inventing hand ballets and weeks cutting each new act down to three minutes. In the U.S., Joly created a Wild West number satirizing horse operas which he titled *Le Western*. His horses do not look as real as his cowpunchers because the troupe finds people easier to imitate than animals. Now 42, Joly is the father of six children. He is very fond of them except when they come in while he is working. They stand around, watch his wildly waving hands and, invariably, treat the whole thing as if it were child's play.



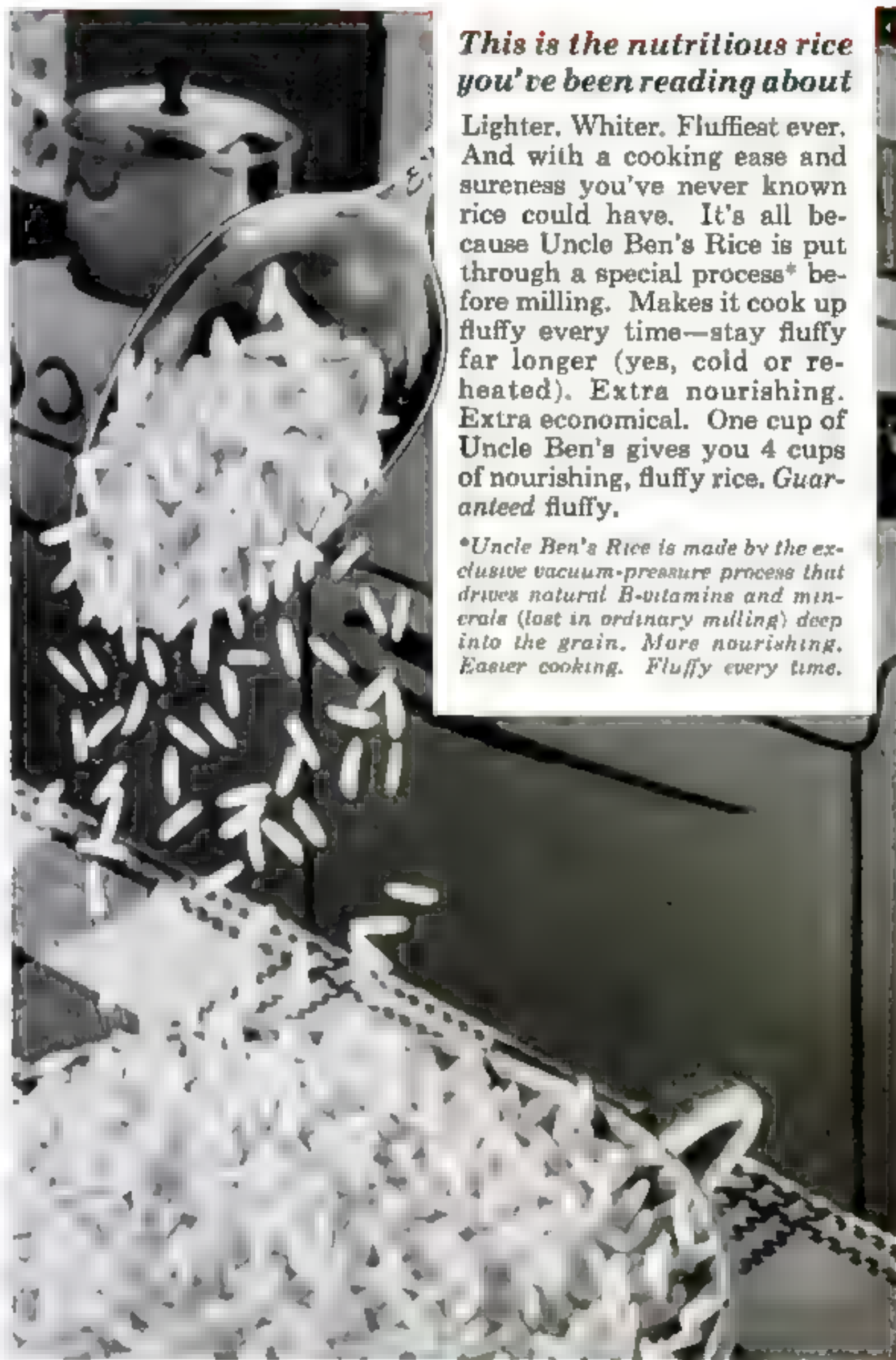
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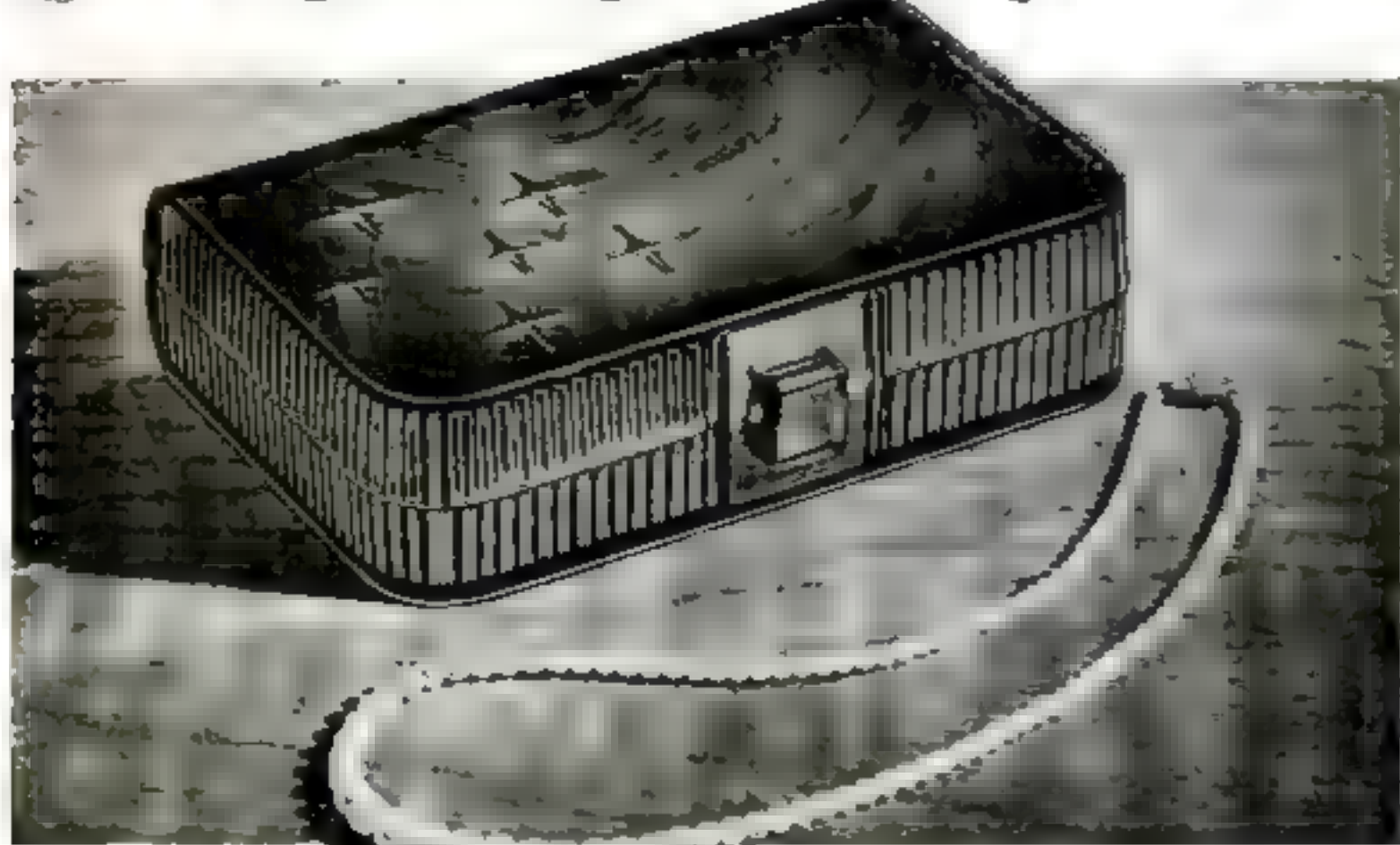
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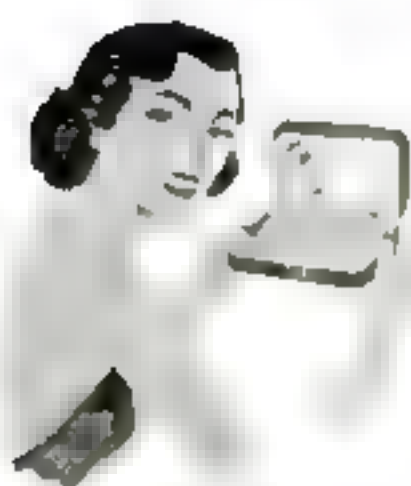
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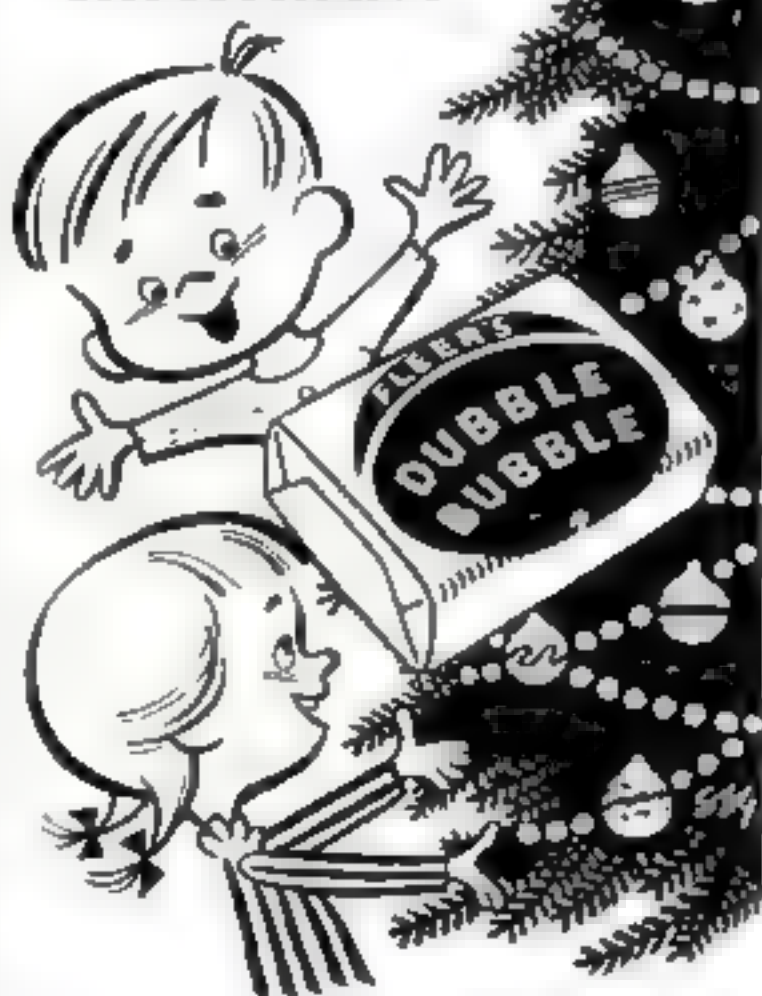
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BOY TAKES LINDA JOY'S PLACE

The little boy below, dressed in his Sunday ice-cream suit and wondering what the fuss is about, may not understand for many years the double measure of love in his father's hug and his mother's smile. Two years ago the parents of Robert Madison Young planned to adopt a curly-haired girl, Linda Joy (left). LIFE recorded Linda's glowing welcome into the Robert L. Youngs' Pasadena home (Feb. 19, 1951).

In two short months came Linda's tragic death from leukemia (LIFE's Sequel, April 23, 1951).

In the fall of 1951 the Children's Home Society of California arranged for the Youngs to meet a small, husky athlete, blond and brown-eyed. For a year the boy lived with the Youngs. Recently in Adoption Court a judge signed some papers, sent "Lindy," Bernice and Bobby Young home legally and happily a family.



OUTSIDE THE LOS ANGELES COURTHOUSE BOBBY YOUNG, WHOSE DECREE OF ADOPTION HAS JUST BEEN SIGNED, NESTLES BASHFULLY IN HIS FATHER'S ARMS



RESTLESS, Bobby squirms on a corridor bench as family awaits adoption ceremony.



OBEDIENT, Bobby plays inside fence built to safeguard him and dog Tinker. Bernice Young locks the gate leading to street.



CONTENTED, Bobby is corrected for sucking his finger but grins and goes on sucking.



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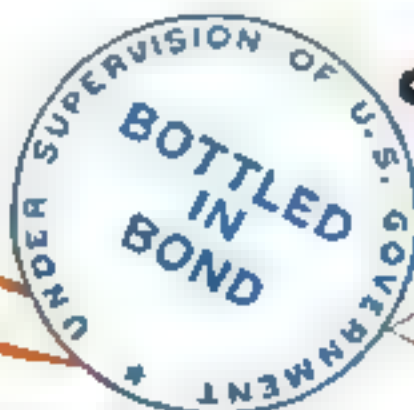
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Chinese Cooking

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An ancient Chinese gourmet said "every eating material can be made palatable" and his countrymen have always taken him seriously. Among the eating materials Chinese use are snakes, shark fin, fermented eggs and birds' nests. Exotic ingredients like these have given Americans the impression that Chinese cooking is too strange and difficult for them to undertake. Actually it is the Chinese genius for giving flavor and spirit to commonplace vegetables, fish and meat that has earned them their great culinary fame. The Chinese specialties shown at the left and on the next page call for staple foods such as chicken, shrimp, pork, eggs, mushrooms, cabbage, cucumbers. The recipes for these dishes, given on following page, are traditionally Chinese though a few have been modified for U.S. tastes.

In the picture at left, in the ironstone tureen at top left, is Won Ton Soup, a clear chicken stock with pork-filled Won Tons (a kind of Chinese ravioli). At right of the soup are Chinese Fried Shrimp Curls. Next right in the pedestal bowl is Beef Chop Suey (chop suey means a mixture and may be compared to American hash) and below that is Subgum Chow Mein. Both are authentic Chinese dishes though changed somewhat in the U.S. Farthest right in the top row are Sweet and Sour Meat Balls. In second row, at left, is Egg Foo Yung, egg pancakes mixed with meat or fish. In the pedestal bowl to the right is Stirred Cabbage. In front of the cabbage in a round tureen is Cucumber and Meat Shoo Soup. To the right are Egg Rolls, and next right, in the low dish, is Sweet and Pungent Pork. Lower right is Pineapple Duckling. The Chinese cook duck better than anybody else.

At far left are the tea and rice which accompany all Chinese meals. In front center are almonds, mustard and plum sauce, sweet and tart Chinese condiments. Behind the Egg Rolls is a saucer of soy sauce which accompanies most Chinese dishes. The cups at left and right are Chinese covered tea cups.

For all their elaborate look and interesting flavor, these are all economical dishes. Though they take longer to prepare than most American dishes, they may be gotten ready the day before or the morning of a party or meal. With the exception of the Pineapple Duckling, they cook much more quickly than most dishes.

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THE BASIC DISH IS RICE

Rice, staple of Chinese meals, is shown opposite in two versions: boiled, in individual dishes, and shrimp fried rice in antique Chinese bowl. Caddy at upper right holds tea. Table decorations are festive dragons. Recipes below start with way to brew tea and prepare rice Chinese style. Most other dishes require strong arm for chopping and wary eye for timing.

TEA

Rinse china or crockery teapot with hot water. Put in it 1 teaspoon oolong tea for every cup and pour an equal number of cups of boiling water over the tea. Cover. Steep for 5 minutes.

BOILED RICE

Allow 2 cups long grain rice for four servings. Rinse rice in cold water until water runs clear. Put rice in deep, heavy saucepan. Placing hand lightly on rice (sketch below), add water to cover back of hand. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt for each 2 cups rice. Fit lid tightly on pot. Bring to boil over high heat. Cook for 3 minutes after steam shows around lid. Turn heat to medium for 5 minutes. Turn to lowest heat and cook 12 minutes.



SHRIMP FRIED RICE

4 cups cooked rice, cold
2 tablespoons oil
2 cups chopped cooked shrimps,
fresh or canned

1 egg, slightly beaten
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 scallions, chopped

Heat oil in deep frying pan. Add shrimps and cook for about 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add egg, salt and pepper, and cook still stirring until egg and shrimps are well mixed. (Diced cooked chicken, pork or ham may be used instead of shrimps.) Add rice and soy sauce and cook, stirring frequently, 4 or 5 minutes or until rice is thoroughly heated through. Garnish with chopped scallions. Serves 4.

WON TON SOUP

First prepare the won tons.

WON TON FILLING

1 lb. finely ground pork
1 egg, beaten

1 tablespoon soy sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

Mix pork and remaining ingredients smoothly together. This is filling for won ton "skin."



WON TON SKIN

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt

1 large egg

Sift flour and salt in mixing bowl. Beat egg lightly and stir into flour. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water a few drops at a time, mixing until dough is right for rolling. Turn dough out onto lightly floured board; knead until smooth, turning and folding over several times. Cover with clean towel; let stand 20 minutes. Roll out paper thin and cut in 2-inch squares.

In center of each square place a small amount of the filling. Fold each square in triangle shape (sketch above); press edges together but leave point of triangle open a little.

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WON TON SOUP

20 raw won tons
6 cups chicken stock

2 tablespoons chopped scallions
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Place won tons a few at a time in one quart boiling salted water and cook till they float to the surface; remove with slotted spoon; drain. Heat stock. Place won tons in bowls; sprinkle with scallions; add a little soy sauce to each bowl; pour hot stock over won tons. Serves 4.

FRIED SHRIMP CURLS

1 lb. shrimps with shells
3 tablespoons hoysien jeung sauce
2 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons vinegar
6 scallions
1 piece ginger

1 clove garlic
2 tablespoons peanut oil
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon soy sauce

Wash shrimps in cold water in which salt and baking soda have been dissolved. Drain, pull off legs but not shells. Place shrimps in dish and sprinkle with pepper. Make sauce of hoysien jeung, a Chinese flavoring, sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and vinegar. One-half teaspoon garlic salt, mixed with 2 tablespoons bouillon may be used instead of hoysien jeung. Chop the scallions into 1-inch lengths and mince garlic and ginger. Heat 2 tablespoons peanut oil in a frying pan, fry shrimps 1 minute on each side, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt, and add scallions, ginger, garlic, and sauce. Fry and stir, and then add a mixture of cornstarch dissolved in water and soy sauce. Braise shrimps 2 minutes more. Serves 4. This ancient Chinese recipe is from Doreen Feng's *The Joy of Chinese Cooking*.

BEEF CHOP SUEY

1 lb. beef, cut in 1/4-inch cubes
3 tablespoons cooking oil
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons salt
2 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
3 cups celery, cut in 1-inch lengths

2 large onions, cut in chunks
1 tablespoon molasses
2 cups boiling water or beef stock
1 can or 2 cups fresh bean sprouts, rinsed and drained
3 tablespoons cornstarch

Heat oil. Add beef cubes, salt and pepper and cook 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in soy sauce. Remove meat. To mixture in saucepan add celery, onions, molasses, boiling water. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring frequently, 10 minutes. Add bean sprouts, cook 3 minutes. Add beef. Mix cornstarch and 1/2 cup water. Add to hot mixture. Cook, stirring till thickened. Serve with hot rice. Serves 4-6. This is recipe used at House of Chan, New York restaurant, and included in *The House of Chan Cookbook*.

SUBGUM CHOW MEIN

2 cups finely shredded cooked chicken
1/2 cup peanut oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup diced canned water chestnuts
1 cup diced canned bamboo shoots
2 cups diced celery
1 1/2 cups sliced Chinese cabbage
1/2 c. p. diced fresh mushrooms
1 medium green pepper, diced

1/2 cup thinly sliced green beans
6 scallions, chopped
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
2 cups chicken stock (or 2 chicken bouillon cubes and 2 cups water)
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup toasted almonds
Chinese fried noodles (one can or package)



Heat oil in saucepan. Add vegetables, salt, pepper and sugar. Add stock and mix well. Cover and bring to a boil. Stir thoroughly. Cover again and boil for 10 minutes. Combine soy sauce, 4 tablespoons of water and cornstarch. Add to hot vegetable mixture and cook, stirring thoroughly till thickened. Add chicken and cook 5 minutes longer. Serve with noodles and sprinkle each serving with almonds. Serves 4. (Shrimp, beef or pork may be used instead of chicken.)

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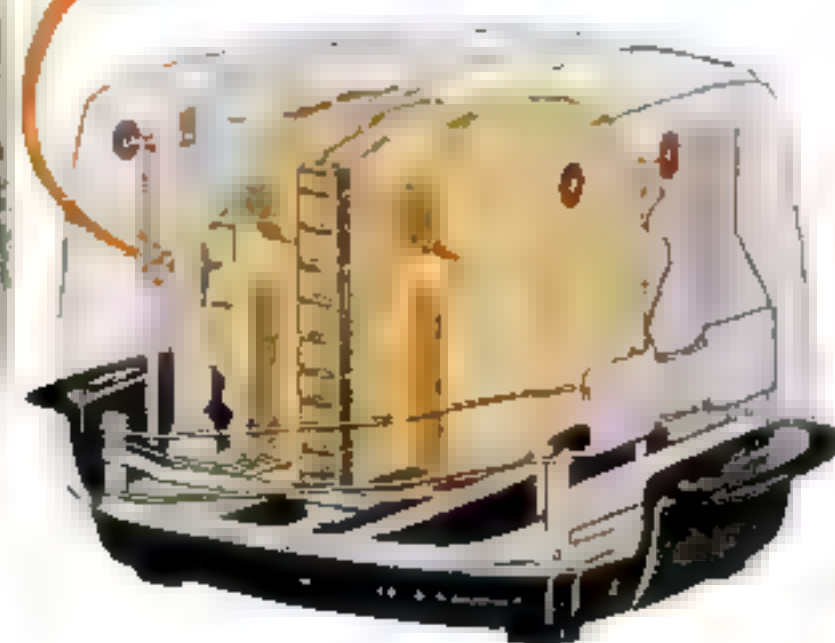
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SWEET AND SOUR MEAT BALLS

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| 1 lb. ground round steak | 4 slices canned pineapple, cut in small pieces |
| 1 egg | 3 tablespoons cornstarch |
| 2 tablespoons flour | 1 tablespoon soy sauce |
| Salt, pepper | ½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate |
| ½ cup peanut oil | ½ cup vinegar |
| 1 cup chicken bouillon or canned chicken broth | ½ cup pineapple juice |
| 2 large green peppers, cut in small pieces | ½ cup sugar |

Shape ground round steak into 16 small balls. Combine egg, flour, salt and pepper to make a smooth batter. Heat peanut oil in a large skillet. Dip meat balls in batter and fry in hot oil till brown on all sides. Remove meat balls and keep warm. Pour out all but one tablespoon fat from skillet. Add ½ cup chicken bouillon, green pepper and pineapple pieces. Cover and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes. Blend remaining ingredients and add to skillet. Cook, stirring constantly, till mixture comes to a boil and is thickened. Return meat balls to sauce and heat. Serve with hot, boiled rice. Serves 4.

EGG FOO YUNG

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| 4 eggs | ¼ lb. bean sprouts (½ can, drained) |
| ¼ lb. chopped cooked chicken, shrimp, pork, turkey or crabmeat | 1 green onion, chopped |
| 8 imported black Chinese dried mushrooms or 1 8-oz. can button mushrooms | ¼ stalk celery, chopped |
| | Salt, pepper |

Beat eggs slightly in mixing bowl, add other ingredients. Cover bottom of a 6-inch skillet with peanut oil and heat skillet. Pour ¼ of the mixture in this and cook over low heat till brown on one side. Turn carefully and cook until brown on other side. Serve with brown sauce. Serves 4.

BROWN SAUCE

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| 1 tablespoon cornstarch | 1½ cups cold chicken broth |
| 1 teaspoon soy sauce | Salt, pepper |
| | ¼ teaspoon sugar |

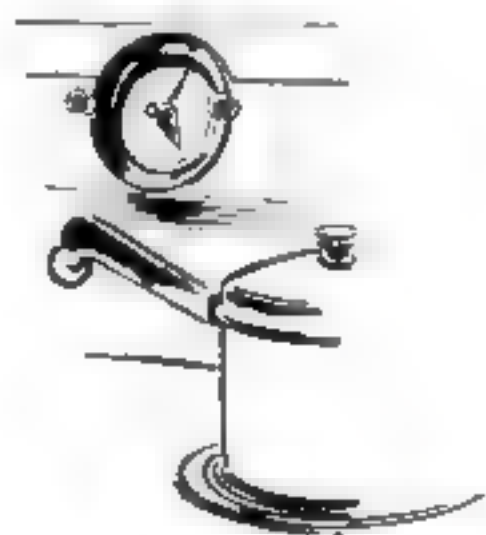
Combine cornstarch, soy sauce, chicken broth, salt, pepper and sugar. Cook and stir over medium heat till mixture comes to a boil and thickens. To vary this recipe, instead of mushrooms use ½ 8-oz. can of water chestnuts, chopped. Recipe is from Shanghai Low's in San Francisco.

STIRRED CABBAGE

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| 2 pounds Chinese cabbage | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 3 tablespoons peanut oil | |

Cut cabbage crosswise into ½-inch strips. Heat oil in skillet and put in the white stems of the cabbage. Stir for one minute. Add salt and ¼ cup water. Cover and cook over medium heat for 3 minutes. Add the green leaves, cover and cook 2-3 minutes longer. (Time carefully.) Be sure to serve any juice that remains with the cabbage. Serves 4.

Note: New American cabbage may be substituted for the Chinese. Quarter cabbage. Discard center stalk, then cut cabbage crosswise into ½-inch strips. Heat oil in skillet, add cabbage, cook for 1 minute. Add salt and water. Cook covered for 3-4 minutes.



CUCUMBER AND MEAT SLICE SOUP

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| 2 lbs. marrow soup bones | 1 teaspoon vegetable oil |
| 1 large cucumber, cut in chunks | 1 teaspoon sherry |
| ¼ teaspoon sugar | 1 thin slice ginger root |
| | ¼ lb. flank steak, sliced paper thin |
| | Salt, pepper |

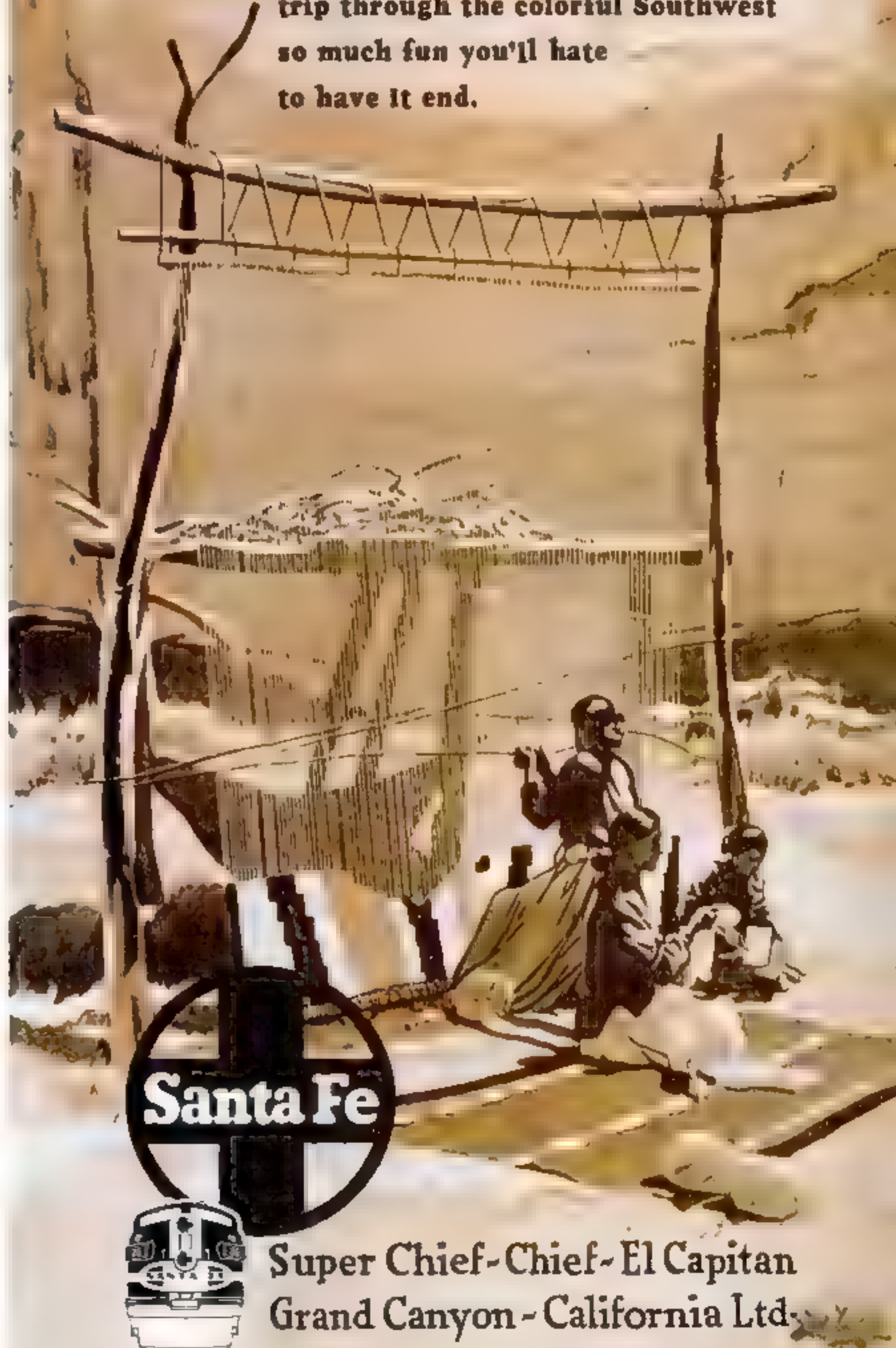
Place marrow bones, cucumber and 8 cups boiling water in saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cook for ¼ hour. Combine other ingredients in mixing bowl and after ¼ hour, add to soup and continue cooking 10 minutes. Skim off any fat. Serves 4. This recipe is from Lum Fong's in New York.

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EGG ROLLS

FILLING

- ¾ cup finely chopped celery
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- ½ cup diced shrimps, fresh cooked or canned
- ½ cup diced cooked pork (ham, beef, veal or chicken may be used)

- ¾ cup finely chopped water chestnuts
- 4 scallions, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons soy sauce

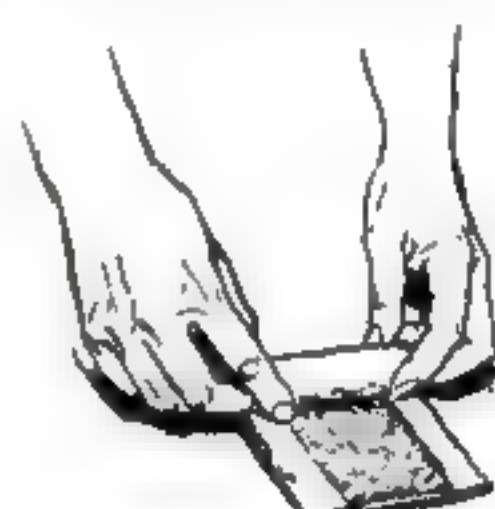
Put celery and cabbage in ½ cup water. Bring to a boil. Drain thoroughly. Heat oil in skillet, add shrimps and meat. Cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients and cook, stirring constantly till delicately browned. Cool.

EGG ROLL SKINS

- ¼ cup sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon salt

- 1 small egg, beaten
- pinch of sugar
- ¼ cup peanut oil

Sift flour, cornstarch and salt together. Beat in egg and sugar. Add 1 cup water slowly, beating constantly, till batter is smooth. Grease a hot 6-inch skillet with peanut oil. Pour 3 tablespoons batter (for one "skin") into hot skillet, tipping to spread batter all over bottom of skillet. (Batter is sufficient to make 8 skins.) Place over medium heat and cook till batter shrinks from sides of pan. Turn skin and cook 1-2 minutes on other side. Remove and cool.



Place 4 tablespoons filling on each egg roll skin, fold two sides in and roll up (sketch above). Brush edges with paste made from 1 tablespoon flour and 2 tablespoons water and seal. Fry in hot peanut oil, turning frequently, till golden brown. Serves 4.

SWEET AND PUNGENT PORK

- 1 egg, beaten
- ¾ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 lb. pork shoulder, cut in ½-inch cubes
- 2 small green peppers, cut in strips ½-inch wide
- 1½ cups drained canned pineapple chunks

- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 2 small tomatoes, cut in small pieces
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups cooking oil

Combine egg, flour, salt and 4 tablespoons water to make thin batter. Add pork cubes to batter and mix till well coated. Fry in hot cooking oil till nicely browned. Drain well and keep hot. Combine green pepper, pineapple, brown sugar, vinegar, 1 cup water and molasses. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add tomatoes. Combine cornstarch and ¼ cup water, add to hot mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, till thickened. Add pork and cook 5 minutes longer. Serves 4.

PINEAPPLE DUCKLING

- 1 4-lb. duckling
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil or fat
- 1½ cups duck broth
- 2 cups (1 No. 2 can) pineapple chunks, drained
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger

- 1 medium sized green pepper, cleaned and cut in small pieces
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 6 tablespoons pineapple juice

Clean and quarter duckling. Place in saucepan with salt and 6 cups cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat, cover, reduce heat and cook gently for 45 minutes. Remove duck and drain. Keep broth.

In a large, heavy skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil or fat. Place drained duck quarters in skillet and cook gently (about 15 minutes), turning frequently, until golden brown. Add 1½ cups duck broth, pineapple chunks, ginger and green pepper. Cover and cook for 15 minutes over moderate heat. Remove duck and keep warm. Combine cornstarch, pepper, soy sauce and pineapple juice and stir into pineapple and broth mixture. Stir till thickened. Return duck to sauce, cover and heat thoroughly about 10 minutes. Serve with hot boiled rice. Serves 4 to 5.

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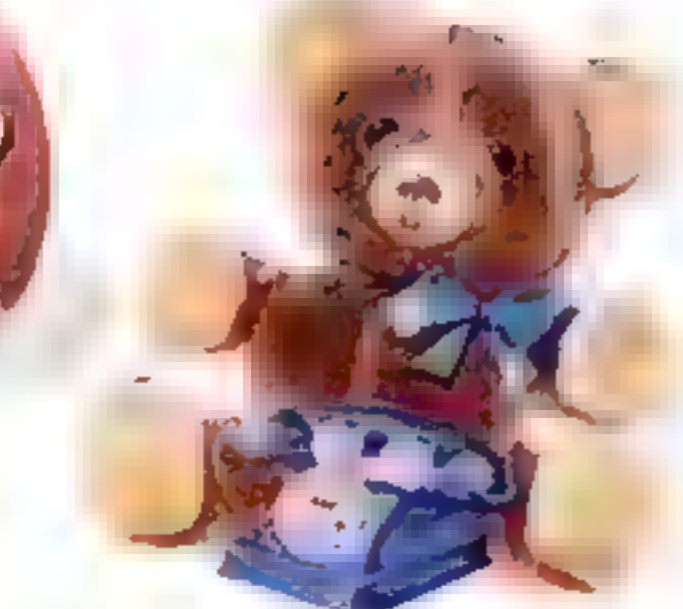


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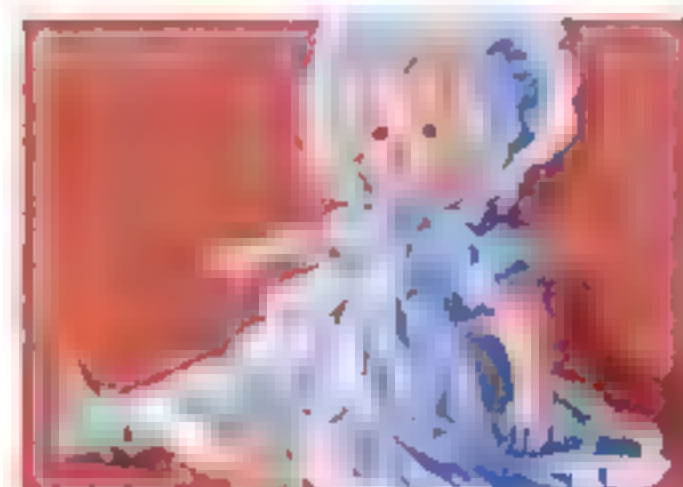
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MOVIES

GLAMOUR GIRL of the movie, an angel fish called Helen, plays a dancer at a coral cabaret. Here she does part of her act, swimming through a hoop held by fellow actress, Martica.



FILM STARS WITH FINS

Zoologist trains friendly fish to play dramatic parts in a movie made on the coral reefs of Bermuda

Bronson Hartley is a marine zoologist who has spent a good eighth of his waking life since he was 11 (he is now 31) under the turquoise waters around Bermuda. Over the years he got to know the reefs as well as most people know their living room, got so friendly with local fish that they eat out of his hand and seem even to sit on his lap. He designed cameras for underwater work and made movies which attracted the eye of Producer Marion Gering. With

Gering as sponsor, Hartley is now shooting *Mam Street, Under Sea*, a half-hour color film in which his pretty wife Martica is the only human character. The other roles are enacted by Hartley's friendly fish who demonstrate fancifully how life undersea resembles that of an ordinary American town. Hartley does not consider directing a cast of fish difficult, but he has had trouble with fishermen who occasionally catch one of the leading actors for dinner.

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TO CALL CAST, Bronson taught fish to respond to taps on helmet, which he made out of a boiler when he was 11.



CHANGING COSTUME behind screen of coral, Martuca switches from scene to scene without coming to surface.



CAMERA BOX invented by Bronson after 20 years of experimentation is leakproof and lets camera be worked

by knobs outside. Secrets of its construction are here concealed from LIFE's photographer by Martuca's petticoat.

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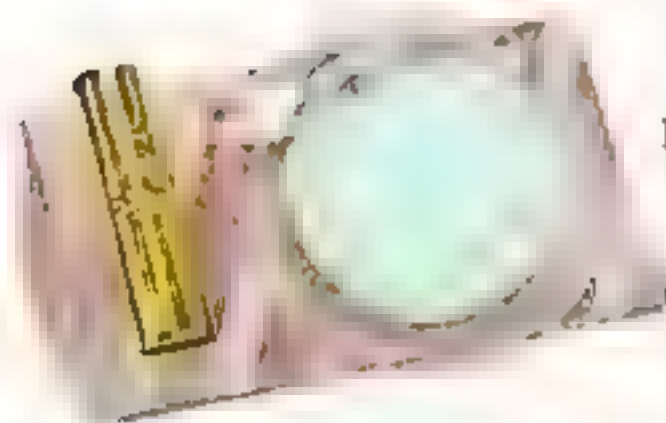
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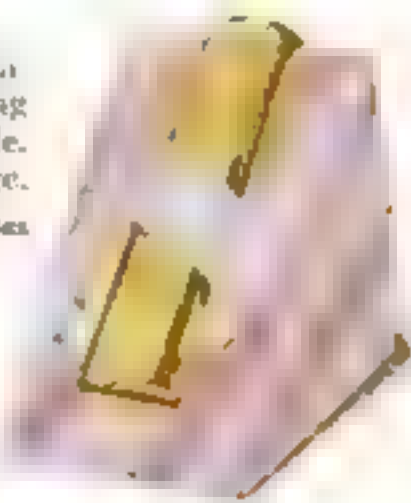
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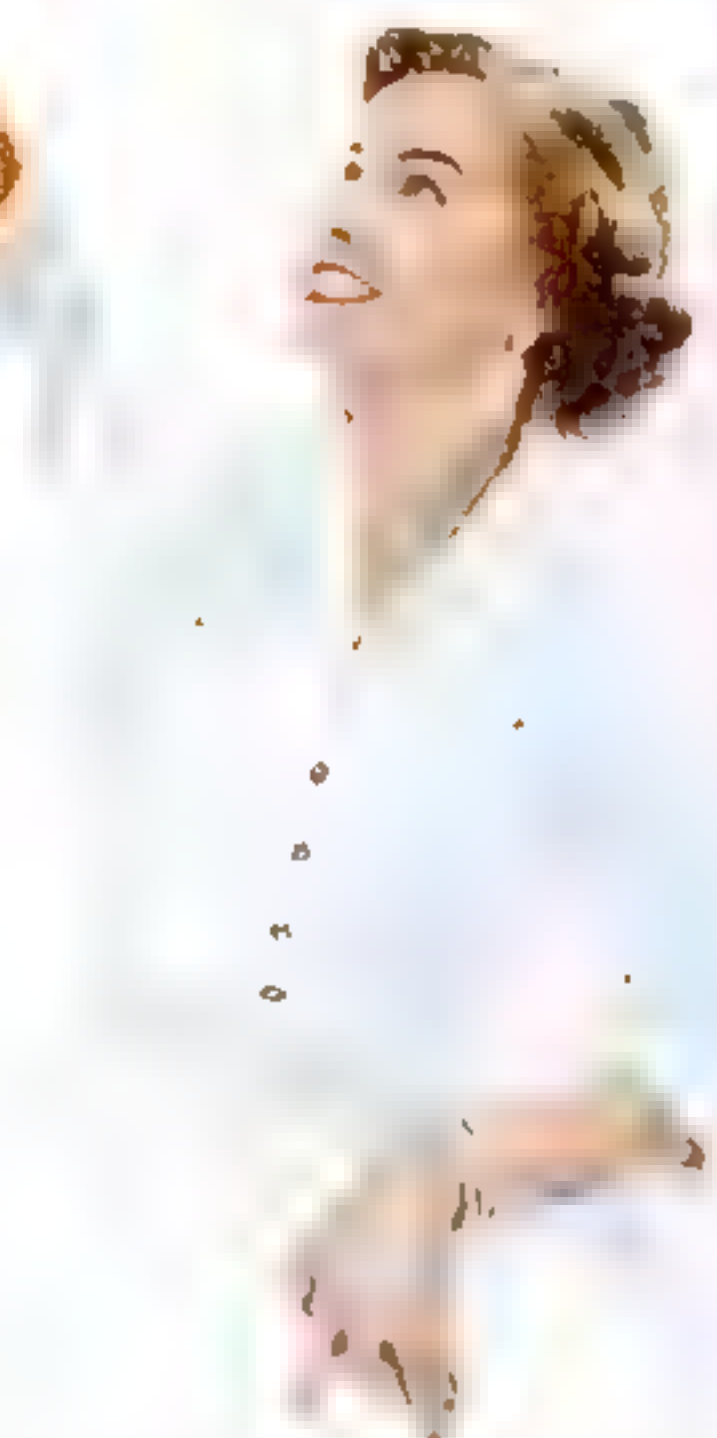
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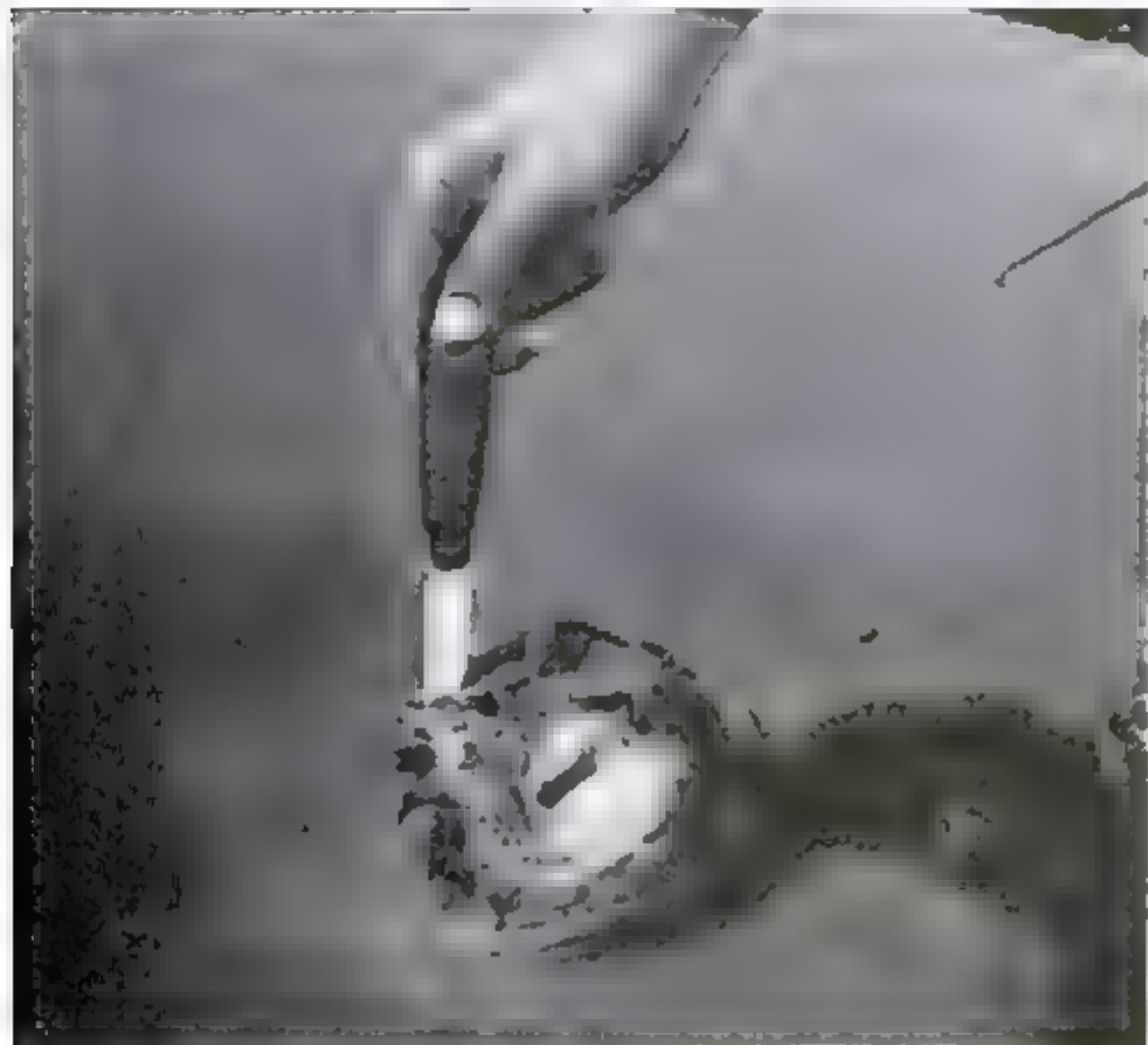
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PUFFED-UP CHARACTER



PORCUPINE PUFFER has role of the mayor in the movie. Here he is being gingerly fed a mussel which his powerful teeth can easily crunch, shell and all.



ON LOCATION with Martica, mayor prepares to make "political speech." His political passions cause him to swell up to four times his normal size.



STUPENDOUS SWELLING was caused by tug with strings around body. Normally fish swells to protect himself when another fish tries to swallow him.

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NEW! Women joyfully welcome this new Christmas gift!

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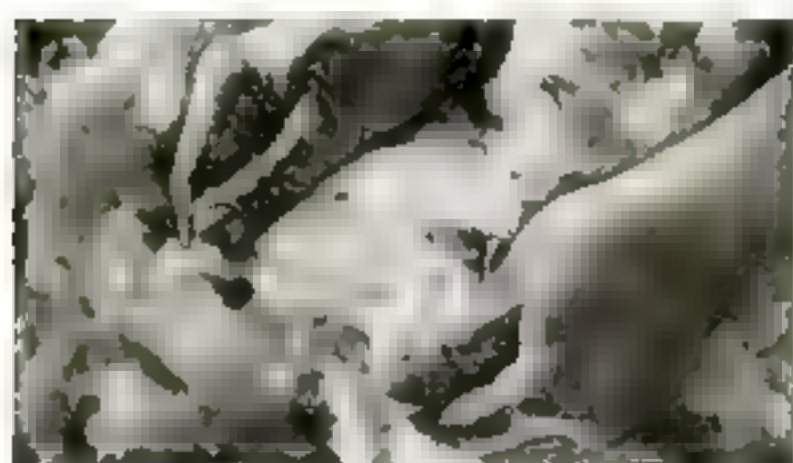
gentler shaving

Now scientists have found a way to extract a mysterious natural substance in fleece that prevents irritation in human skin—and concentrate its most beneficial ingredients. This is Lanotrate²⁵, one of the most important advances in modern shaving.

It lets you shave close without irritation . . . and is found only in Williams shaving creams.

● With active Lanotrate²⁵, the new Williams shaving creams:

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3. Leave active Lanotrate²⁵ on the face—easily absorbed, to condition your skin for shaves to come.

Choose either of the new Williams shaving creams, *Lather* or *Brushless*—or the new Williams Instant Lather, a "pushbutton" shave—and see what a difference you feel at the first smooth gliding ride of razor across cheek.

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Buy the new Williams today. If you don't agree that it is what you have wanted for years, mail us the partly used container and we'll send you your money back, plus postage.

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DOMESTIC CHORES every morning in the Hartley house include fishing film out of the refrigerator, where it is kept safe from the heat and humidity.



STORY CONFERENCE finds Martica examining sketches on waterproof sheets which they use as script underwater where conversation is impossible.



DIVERS' DAY ENDS with Hartleys watching in nervous fascination as rushes of the movie, developed on the mainland, are run off in living room.



Florida Tangerines

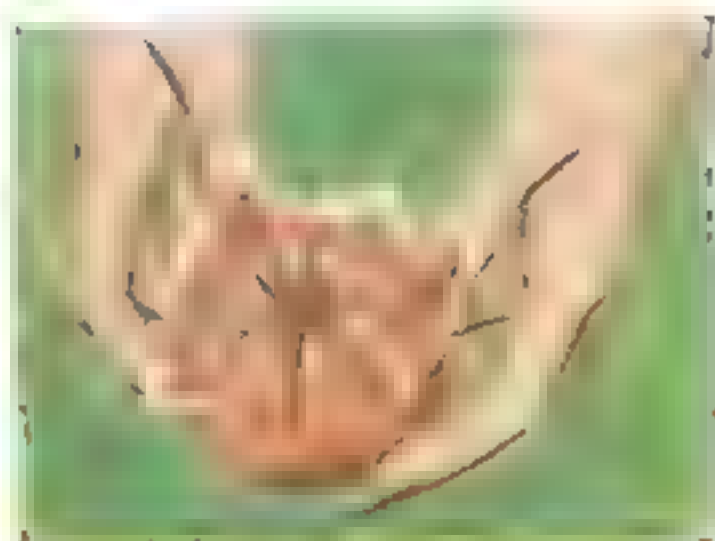
America's Favorite Christmas Card from Florida
...the sugar-sweet treat with the zipper skin
...back at your grocer's again

Florida tangerines are rich in priceless Vitamin C—one vitamin your body can't store up, one vitamin you must have in fresh supply every day

Florida Citrus Commission, Lakeland, Florida



For Christmas stockings! For festive bowls! Florida Tangerines are a real part of the traditional American Christmas. Remember?



So easy to peel! Zip, zip! and the skin practically falls off in your hands. The luscious sections come apart just as easily.



Canned tangerine juice is a wonderful change from other citrus juices. So different! Try it and see what you have been missing!



Fresh-frozen Concentrate. The sugar-sweet tangerine juice is frozen within minutes of squeezing. You just add water—and an oyl



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Your Holiday dinner's as good as your turkey—and this Armour Star Turkey is specially bred for broader breasts, more white meat, less bone waste. It's table-dressed for convenience, then quick-frozen to seal in the freshness and flavor of each tender bite.

Just remove the giblets, rub the cavities of the turkey with salt, stuff with your favorite dressing, and truss. Brush with melted butter—Cloverbloom® Butter is excellent. Place turkey breast down on a V-shaped rack in open roasting pan. Roast in 325°F. oven

approximately 3½-4 hours for 10-14 pound bird, or longer for larger birds. See poultry label for complete roasting chart. Surround the serving platter with a colorful wreath of fruit and nuts—it does double-duty as a centerpiece and a pleasing dessert.

It's another of Marie Gifford's favorite recipes! For other interesting recipes using Armour Star Poultry, write now to the famous Armour Home Economist, Marie Gifford, Dept. 568, Armour and Company, Chicago 9, Ill.



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MARLIES (LEFT) WEARS A MAKESHIFT HEADDRESS IN HEIDELBERG, HUGE ONE AT HER CROWNING

FROM DP TO QUEEN

After only 14 months in U.S., Marlies Gessler gets a Florida college coronation

Like many European children, Marlies Gessler (cover) used to think that the U.S. was largely populated by Indians. Shunted out of her native Poland by the Germans in 1944 and sent to a German youth camp, she had to wait in Western Germany until 1951 for a chance to get into the U.S. While she waited, Marlies did her best to become an American Indian girl. She played Indian with friends in Heidelberg (above) and read Wild West stories written by a German novelist, Karl May. She even became a good shot with the bow and arrow.

Fourteen months ago, with a boatload of

other displaced persons, Marlies and her mother arrived in the U.S. "But where are the Indians?" asked Marlies. There weren't any in Monticello, Fla. where the Gesslers settled and where Marlies entered high school. Then last spring Marlies passed her entrance exams for Florida State University and was admitted for this autumn. Last month, the first freshman ever to win the honor, Marlies was elected campus queen. Her badge of rank, given her on her 18th birthday, was—appropriately enough—a Seminole Indian headdress.

Although now a full-fledged Indian, if only

by decree, Marlies still is not quite sure of herself with American boys. Last year in high school she was dismayed to discover that the poetry and quotations she had learned in Germany, where girls recite them to boyfriends, were of no use to her in the U.S., where boys do not want poetry. By now she has acquired some teen-age repartee. At a party last month she looked at her date's tie, then summoned up the courage to remark, "That's the most horrible color I've ever seen." Unfortunately her companion had a devastating comeback. "It's the same color as your eyes," he replied.

A REALISTIC INDIAN TEEPEE AWAITS MARLIES AS SHE MAKES A CAR-BORNE ENTRANCE INTO THE STADIUM FOR HER FORMAL DESIGNATION AS F.S.U.'S QUEEN





IN RESTAURANT where she works 16 hours each week, Marlies takes order. She gets eight meals free from restaurant, plus what she can make on tips.

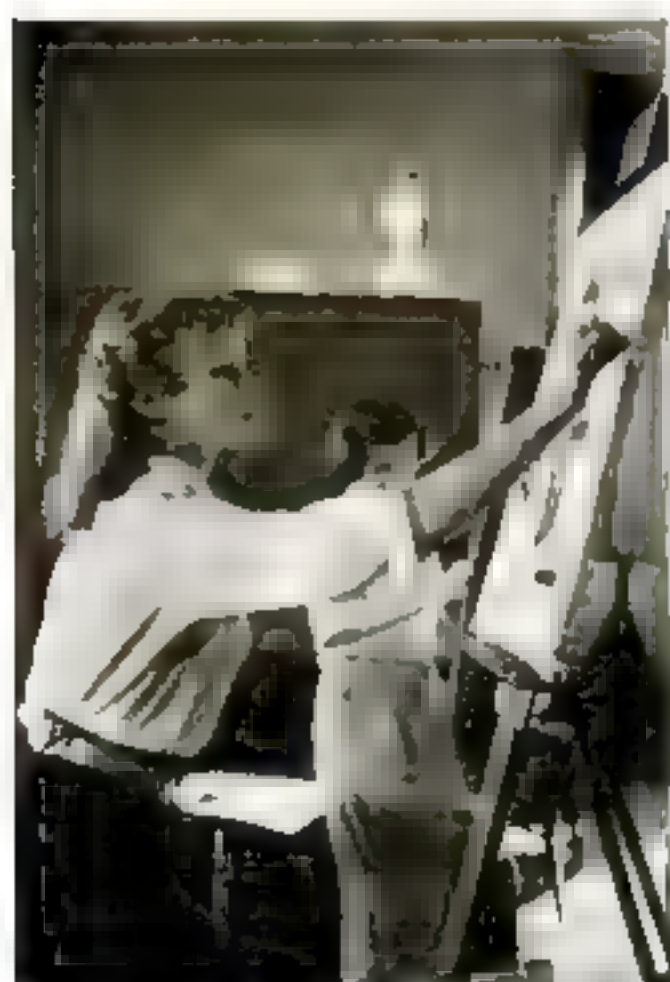


IN SPEECH CLASS she says "A-ah" with the teacher. Said he, "Your 'ah' is better than your 'ooh.'" Said a student, "Her ooh is pretty good too."



IN STUDENT CAFETERIA Marlies treats herself to an American meal—hamburger, French fries and milk. In German youth camps where Marlies

was interned during the war there wasn't much food. "We were hungry most of the time," she remembers, "but so was everyone else in Germany."



FAVORITE COURSE is art, where she does a fashion drawing. Marlies hopes to major in fashion design.



SWAPPED DRESS is tried on by Charlotte McCants, who borrowed it. Marlies borrowed another from her.



OLD DRESS is remade by Marlies' mother. "This will be the third time I've changed it," says Mrs. Gessler.



BOYFRIEND Neville Malloy, whose fraternity proposed Marlies for queen, escorts her to homecoming parade.

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- ☐ Play post-office ☐ Plan a wrapping bee

When presents for the family start piling up in your clothes closet, chances are your study-buddies have the same problem! So ask the gang to come on-a your house, toting their packages and various types of paper. Supply the scissors, paste, ribbons; award prizes for the most original "jobs." Gift-wrapping a la gang is fun. Even at "calendar" time . . . if you're comfortable, with Kotex. This napkin's made to stay soft while you wear it; gives you chafe-free softness that holds its shape!



What togs to pack for a house party?

- ☐ Strictly sports ☐ Date duds only

You cram your suitcase with glamour stuff; only to find yourself freezing on a hayride! Learn what's planned beforehand, then pack appropriate duds. At certain times, however you're togged, you'll be confident—for those flat pressed ends of Kotex banish revealing outlines. Your new Kotex belt adds extra comfort, too. It's made with soft-stretch elastic; non-twisting, non-curling!

Are you in the know?



Which gift bracelet should you choose?

- ☐ Wide ☐ Slim ☐ Chunky

Your best pal Pudge rates something special. Like that big, chunky bangle. But will it flatter her hands? If they're short, a broad, heavy bracelet will give her mitts a sawed-off look. Choose a style that's suited to Pudge. Same as on problem days you choose your own special absorbency of Kotex: the one that's right for you. Each has a special safety center, for your extra protection.



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IN CIRCUS CLASS, for which F.S.U. is famous (LIFE, March 31, 1952) Marlies twirls in air. Gymnastic training in Germany easily got her into course.



OUT ON A LIMB, Marlies (right) joins other girls in climbing oak on a picnic. Since crowning, Marlies has more requests for dates than she can handle.



"Look... I even gave
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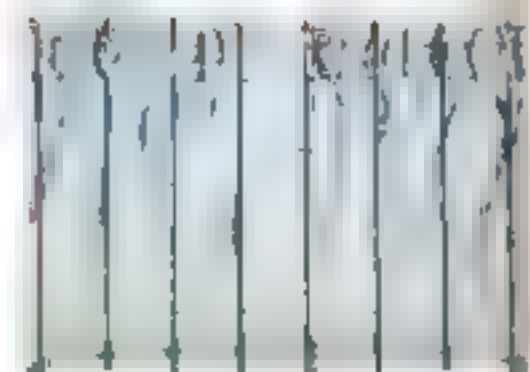
Silk Sport Shirt...luxurious im-
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comfortable collar. \$11.95



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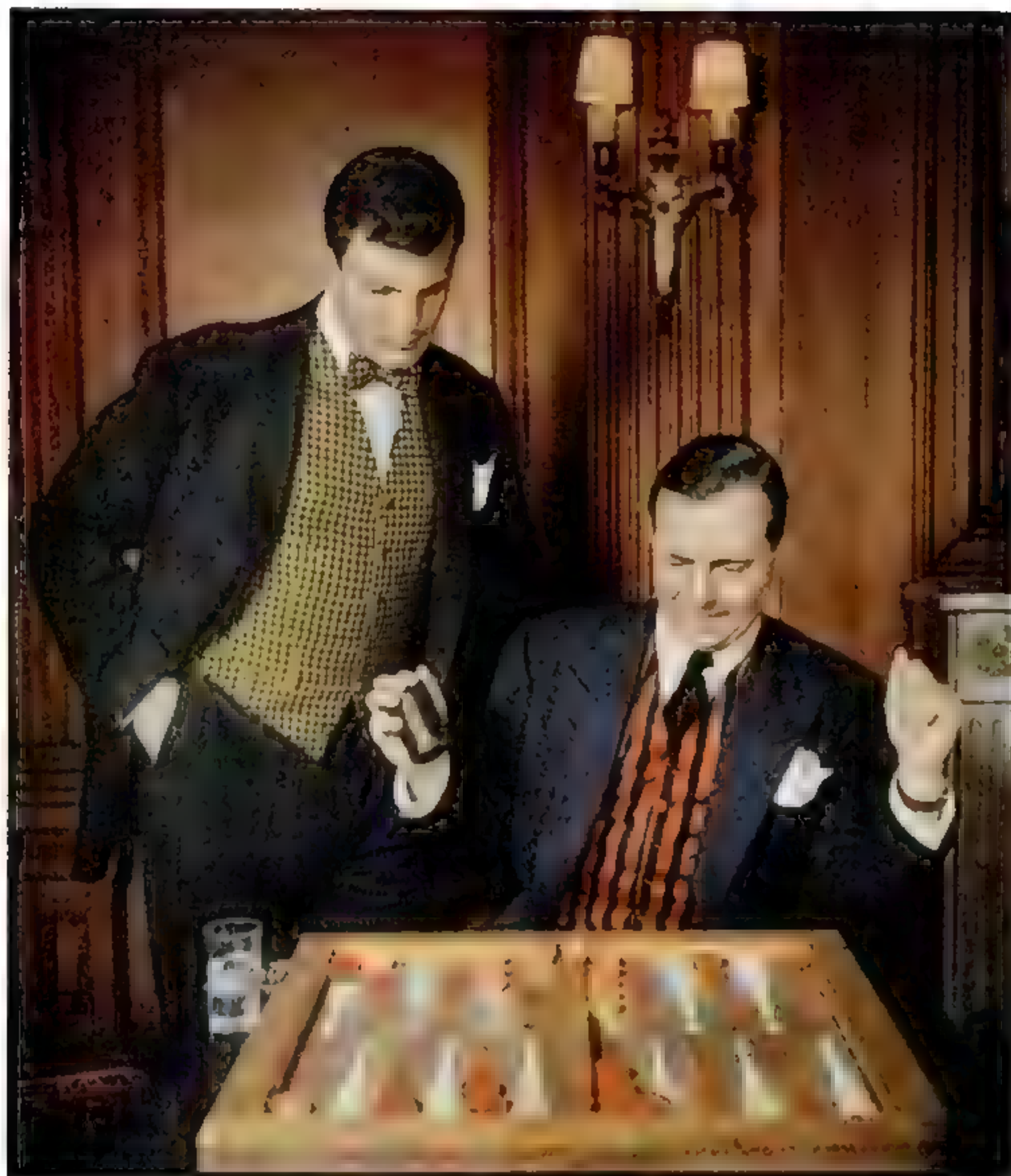
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Louder and Odder

FANCY DECORATED VESTS

NOW FIND SOME TAKERS

The forces that periodically attempt to spruce up the drably dressed male seem now to have caught him during a period of low resistance. Decorated waistcoats, dormant since Edwardian days, have been adopted by Eastern fancy-vest fanciers and are now seen more and more across the country. In London, where the style began, the newest versions are being made of embroidered tapestry and brocade. Although the vast majority of diehard U.S. males remain wary of decorated vests of any kind, popular taste among wearers leans toward loud colors, stripes and small all-over prints. Waistcoats are worn to afternoon cocktail parties, sports events and in the country. Only the most conservative neutral colors or subdued checks are considered proper for a business office.

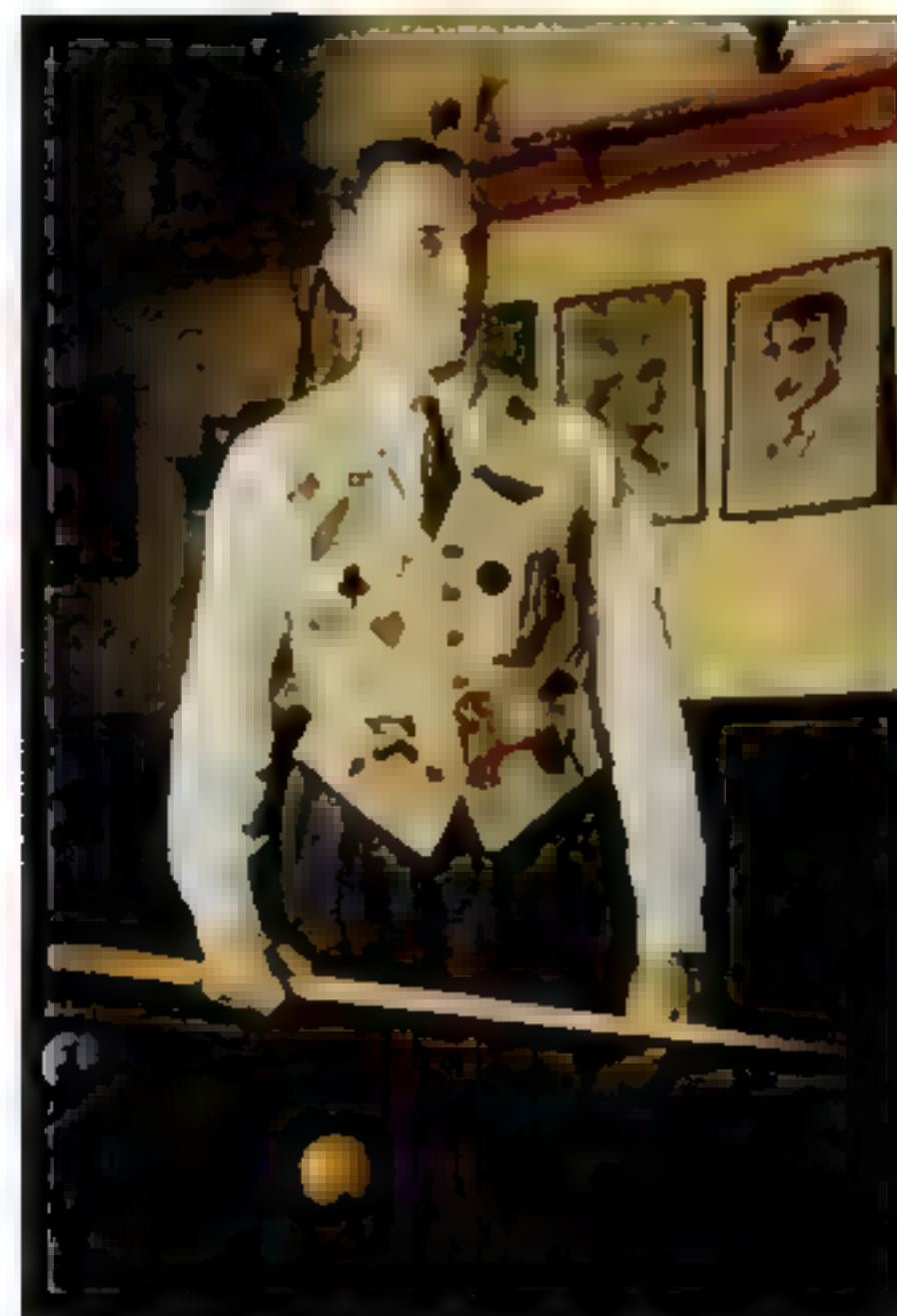
TIE SILKS are worn by Advertising Executives Oliver McKee, in foulard (Chipp, \$25), and Edward Lawford, in striped rep (Brooks Brothers, \$25).



PHEASANT PRINT on English challis (Chipp, \$35) worn by Barclay Cooke has same fabric in back so waistcoat can be worn without a jacket.



MELTON CLOTH with brass buttons (J. Press, \$15) is worn by John M. Seabrook of New Jersey's Seabrook Farm. Vest also comes in buff or yellow.



SYMBOLS depicting interests and activities of Stockbroker Harold V. Richard adorn needlepoint vest made by his wife. Project took her six months.



CHECKED CLASSIC comes in corduroy (New Idea, \$1) for pint-sized gentlemen is worn here in the Princeton Club by Herbert Bayard Swepe III.



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CARRYING ON IN LONDON

London's liking for fancy waistcoats started in 1947 with the end of a 7-year siege of uniforms and a revival of interest in Edwardian dress. Checks and solid colors caught on first, but more imaginative current versions are made of brocade or embroidered silk (*below*). With the style spreading to the provinces, one of its originators now says despairingly, "Waistcoats are becoming so popular it's getting dreary."



TIE SILK with a woven all-over design in gold is worn by Tony Sanford, architect and holder of England's Military Cross. This waistcoat costs \$18 at his Duke Street tailor.



CAVALRY TWILL with currently fashionable long lapels and two pockets is yellow, one of many colored waistcoats in collection of Colonel Sean Fielding, editor of *The Tatler*.



DARK BROCADE with small bright blue pattern was custom made for Ian MacDonald who wears it with an Edwardian suit, bowler hat and 200-year-old silver-topped cane.

*A luxury
that actually
does you good*



*You should use it
You'll like to use it...*

MORE MEN come to them for help for skin infections *due to shaving*, dermatologists say, than for any other cause.

These infections often spring from tiny nicks and scratches you can't even see. Often, these tiny cuts become more serious than major ones because you take care of major cuts but neglect little ones.

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In addition to the tingling sensation and pleasant aroma—found in Aqua Velva alone, you will enjoy the feeling of well-being and being well-groomed.

A 3-second dash of Aqua Velva is the final touch to a perfect shaving routine. Favorite of men the world over, it is a luxury you owe to yourself. Get a bottle today!

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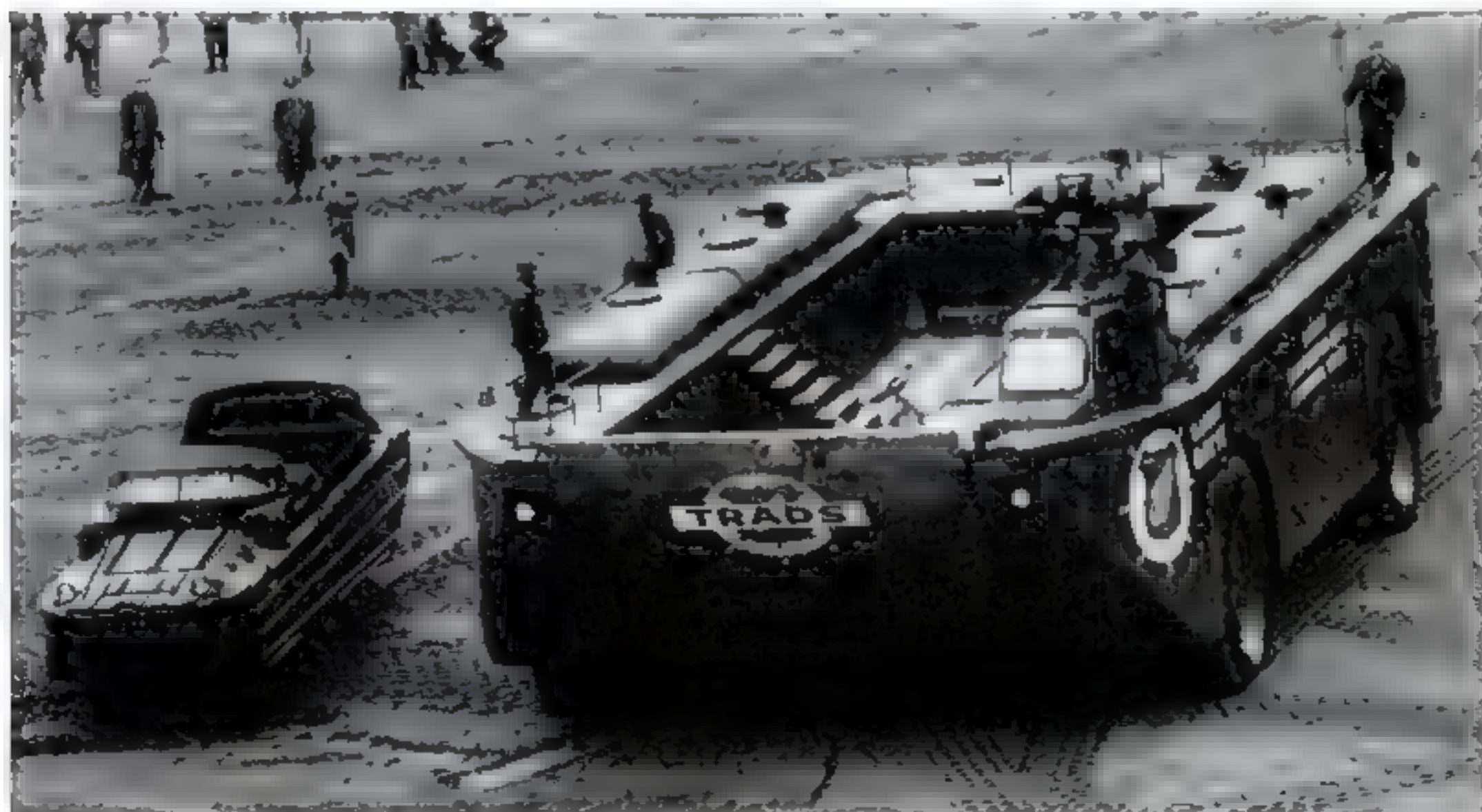


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BARC AND DUKW, World War II amphibious vehicle (left), stand on the beach in Seattle. BARC, under test

by the Transportation Research and Development Station (TRADS), has four engines in sides, fuel tanks under deck.

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ON EDGE

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AFLOAT BARC pulls up its ramp while bilge pumps send water cascading out pipe in its side. It has two 4-foot propellers, and four 165-hp diesel engines.



ON SHORE BARC lowers ramp to let 34-ton Sherman tank and 30-ton crane behind it debark under their own power. Driver is in the small cab at right.



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IN A HOVEL a widowed mother (Rosemary Kuhlmann) and her crippled son Amahl (Chet Allen) face

starvation on a winter night. Three Kings approach from the hills, bearing gifts for a newborn Babe.

Amahl AND THE *Night Visitors*

MENOTTI OPERA IS NOW A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

A tender little opera called *Amahl and the Night Visitors* seems likely to become America's most enduring contribution to Christmas lore since *A Visit From St. Nicholas*. Written by Gian-Carlo Menotti for an NBC Christmas telecast last year, it was so successful that it will be televised again this Christmas. Meantime, it has gone into the repertory of the New York City Center Opera where these photos were taken against Eugene Berman's glowing sets.

The composer, Menotti, whose other distinguished operas are *The Telephone*, *The Medium* and *The Consul*, wrote the *Amahl* libretto—the story of a crippled boy who is visited by the Three Kings and takes part in a Christmas miracle. The opera faces a recurring hazard: it must continually change its star. Chet Allen, who became famous in creating the role of Amahl, has grown from 12 to 13, and his changing voice has halted his operatic career.

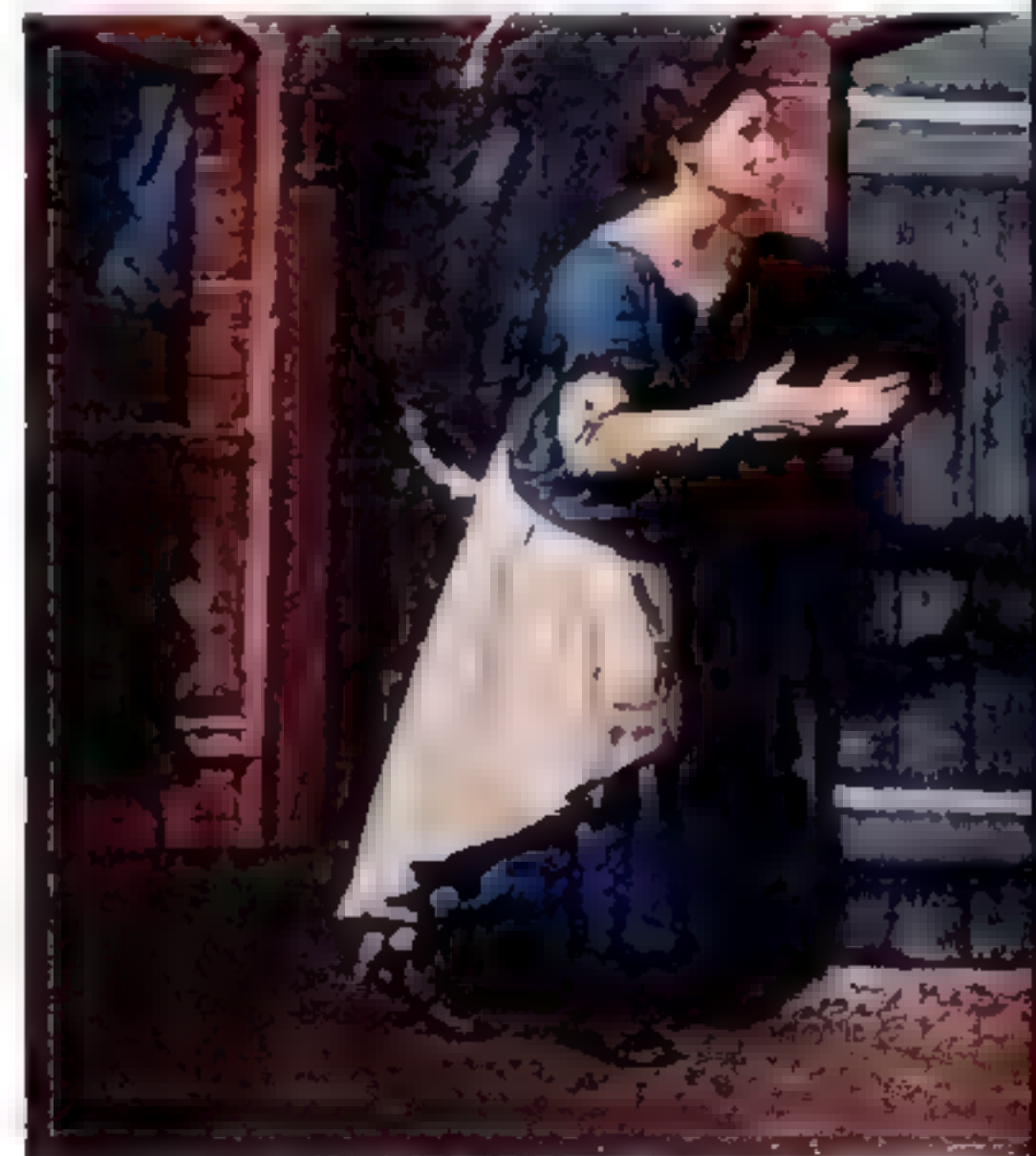


ENTERTAINING THE KINGS, the poor villagers, who were at first abashed by royalty, soon



A THEFT is stopped as Amahl's mother is caught making off with the Kings' gold. "I wonder if rich

people know what to do with their gold!" she cries. Kings explain that the Child has no need of gold.



A MIRACLE occurs as Amahl, moved by Kings' story of the Christ Child, offers his crutch as a gift



Follow a pretty shepherdess (Mary Binkson, center) in a hoister's dress. Amal I accompanies them

on his pipe as they cavort. Then the Three Kings (Michael Pollock, Richard Westworth, Lawrence

Winters) settle down for a nap before proceeding on their pilgrimage in search of the Holy Child



for the Child. He starts to hand it to his mother then, for the first time in his life, walks—parled



A GIFT of the crutch, which he no longer needs, is carried by Amal I as he departs in a snowfall with

the Kings. "Wash your ears!" says his mother. "Feed my bird!" says Amal I, goes off to Bethlehem

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A \$2 MILLION EXPERIMENT

TV's 'Omnibus' program breaks a few rules but no new ground

Nothing in TV this year aroused such high hopes as the coming of a 1 1/2-hour program called *Omnibus*. Introduced as a "vaudeville show of the arts and skills of man," *Omnibus* started out with \$2 million given it by the Ford Foundation, and a brave mission: to break the dismayingly dull patterns into which TV shows have fallen, to explore new ground and to prove that a show aimed at a high level could be commercially successful.

Omnibus spent money freely, hiring Alastair Cooke as host and getting big-name playwrights and actors. Each show costs about \$60,000, as much as the highest-priced hour-long TV variety program. *Omnibus* also broke two basic TV taboos. It put no arbitrary time limits on its acts, and it refused to shatter continuity with commercials.

But instead of trying a basically fresh approach, *Omnibus* has fallen back on known quantities. In its eagerness to present "something for everyone," complained a critic, it has "too little for anyone." By any standards but TV's, few of its films, dramas or dances have been first class. But by heavy spending the producers have attracted an audience and advertisers. Four sponsors have already signed. A fifth will make the show self-supporting.



AN EXPENSIVE SETTING for the "live" production of J. M. Barrie's *The Twelve-Pound Look* was visible on TV screens only 21 seconds. Here

overbearing husband (Cyril Ritchard) is taken aback to see look of independence—"the 12 pound look"—on face of hitherto meek wife (Joan Wetmore).



A PRICELESS TALENT, Helen Hayes, waits tensely for cue in Barrie play. She played first wife who left traitor as soon as she earned 12 pounds.

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'Omnibus' CONTINUED

OPERAS TO X-RAYS TO VOODOO



OPERA is represented on *Omnibus* by Menotti's 15-minute vignette, *The Telephone*, with Ethel Gordon singing phone-happy heroine and Andrew Garney as her baffled boyfriend.

DRAMA is introduced as mustached Author William Saroyan presents the characters in his play *The Bad Men*, a rambling skit written for *Omnibus* which bought six Saroyan plays.



SCIENCE is discussed in film illustrating workings of X-rays. Here X-ray machine peers through the cheeks of a girl studying herself in mirror while she applies her lipstick.

BALLET is presented in film in which a ballerina (Claude Bessy) is set upon in her apartment by dancing madman (Jean Guels). This is part of a film series starring Parisian dancers.



VOODOO is featured by Hastian troupe in a dance showing how evil spirits are driven from girl (left). Interesting though over-long, film had won prizes in European competition.

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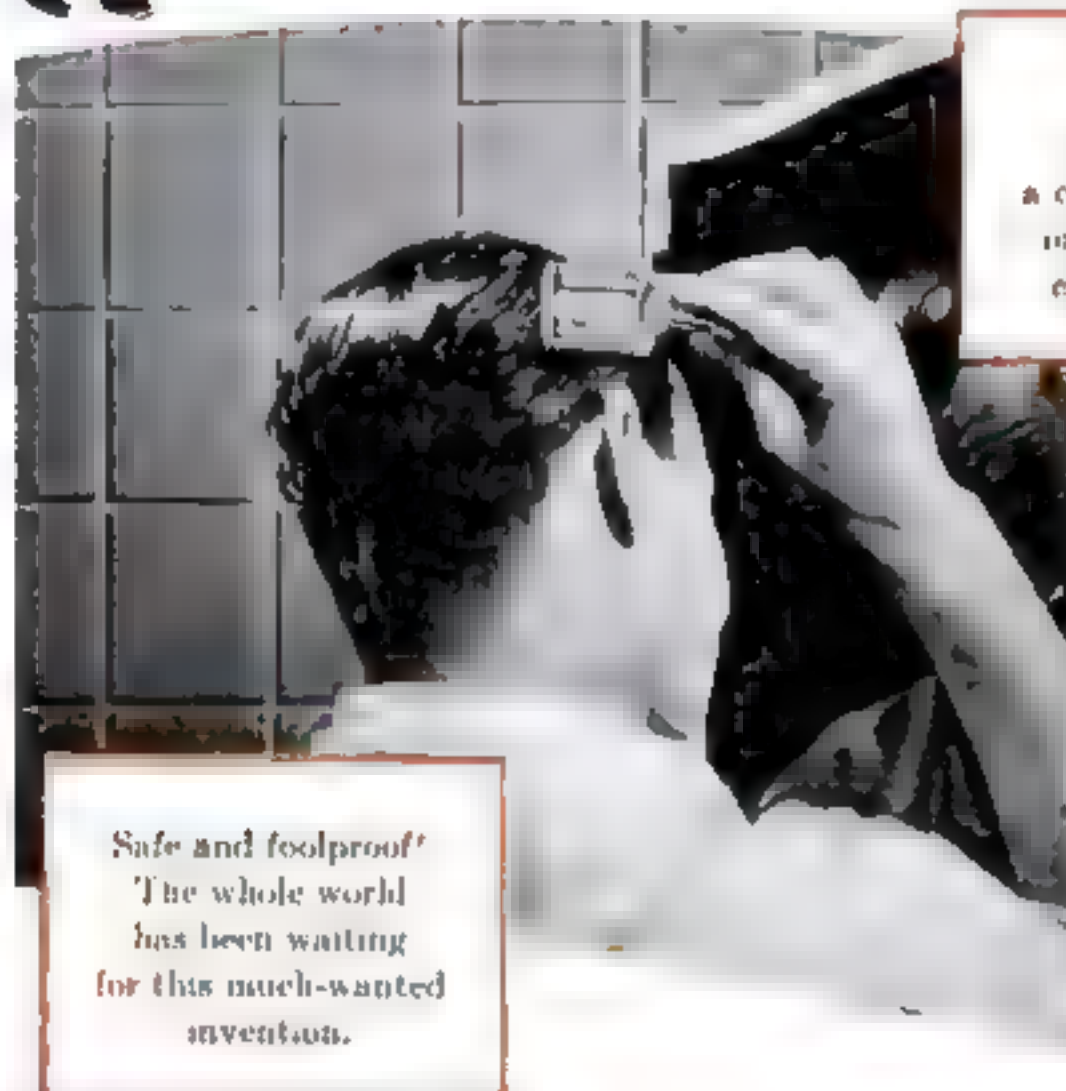
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HOST IN TRANSIT, Alistair Cooke uses an ambulance to race 42 blocks in 8 minutes through midtown Manhattan traffic to get to a dog school for an *Omnibus* interview. Interview was long on dog barks, short on information.



HOST AT A HANGING, Photographer Philippe Halsman presides over portrait of upside-down Eva Gabor and right-side-up Landa Christian. This was supposed to show the lengths to which Halsman sometimes goes for a photo.

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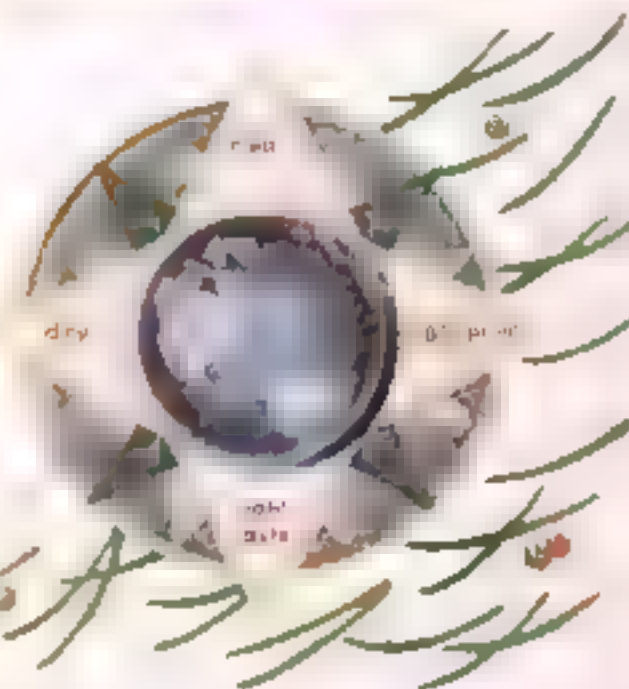
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BIG FISH'S LAST FIGHT

Hook and camera catch a half-ton black marlin

The fish looked gigantic when it jumped, walking on its tail, trying to shake loose the hook. It jumped 17 times, maybe 20. Al Glassell of Texas, the man at the other end of the line, was too excited and too occupied to keep count. In an hour-and-a-half battle off Capo Blanco, Peru, no one helped him. But Glassell knew, as he watched the leaps and his photographer, Bob Turner, kept taking pictures, that he had hooked a black marlin, one of the rarest and most spectacular of salt water game fish.

When hauled aboard, the fish weighed 1,025 pounds and at the time was the biggest marlin ever caught on rod and reel. Back in 1930 Zane Grey landed a marlin which weighed 1,040 pounds, even after sharks had chewed off some 300 pounds of its tail. These sharks, like those of Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*, brought the fisherman great grief because a fish cannot be considered for a record unless brought in whole.



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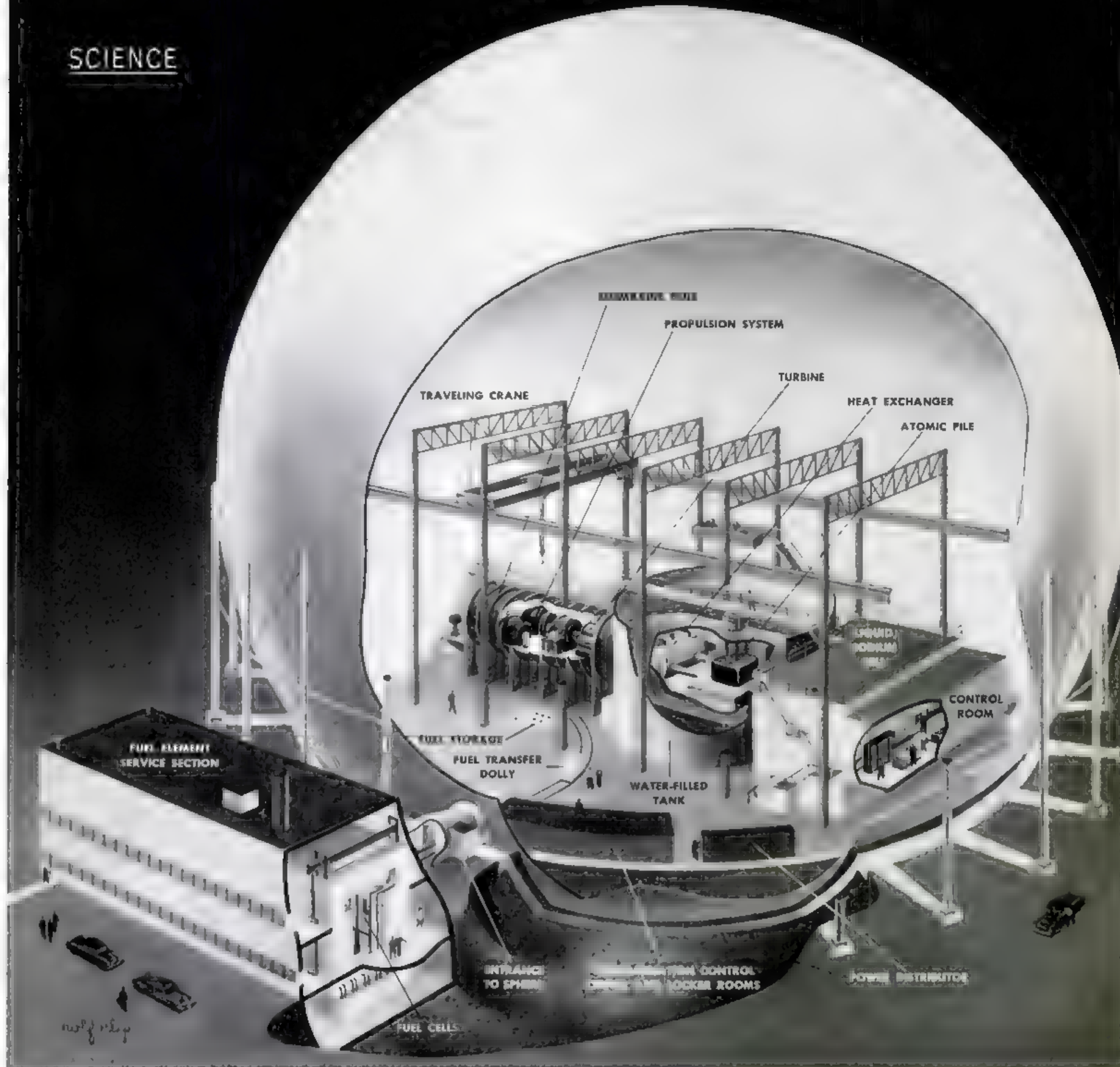


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INSIDE THE SPHERE, shown in cutaway drawing, a section of submarine hull holding atomic power plant will be submerged in water tank to simulate dive

at sea. Steam produced by heat from atomic pile will run turbine and propulsion system shown in adjoining hull section. Dolly carries plutonium or uranium fuel.

BIGGEST SPHERE FOR THE ATOMIC SUB ENGINE

Last week the Atomic Energy Commission partially lifted its veil of secrecy and allowed LIFE's artist to make a drawing of some details of the prototype of the second U.S. atomic submarine engine and the strange house that holds it. The building, now going up near Schenectady, N.Y., will be the world's largest man-made sphere, a \$2-million, 225-foot steel shell. In the sphere General Electric scientists will build the atomic engine, encase it in a section of submarine hull, submerge the hull in a water tank and learn how to run the engine. When they eliminate all its "bugs," they will install a duplicate engine in a seagoing sister to the submarine *Aukulus*, which is now being built and which will be run by an atomic engine made by Westinghouse. G.E.'s engine will consist of an atomic pile to produce heat, pipes of liquefied sodium metal to carry the heat to water boilers and create steam and a steam turbine to power the submarine's screws. Before building the engine, which conceivably might leak some radioactive gases, the scientists will make sure the big ball is leakproof by going over its 1,364 welded seams with an X-ray machine.

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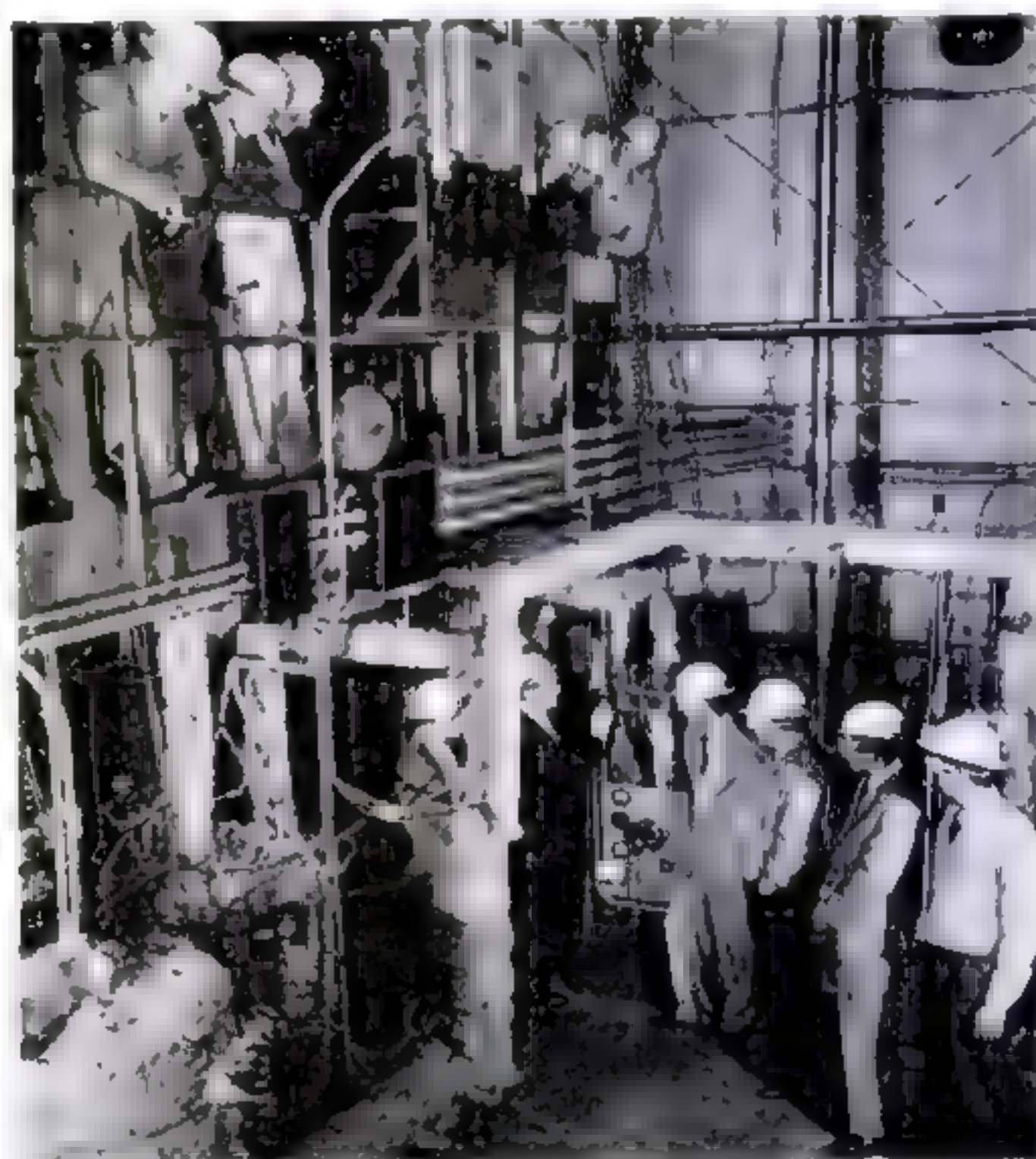
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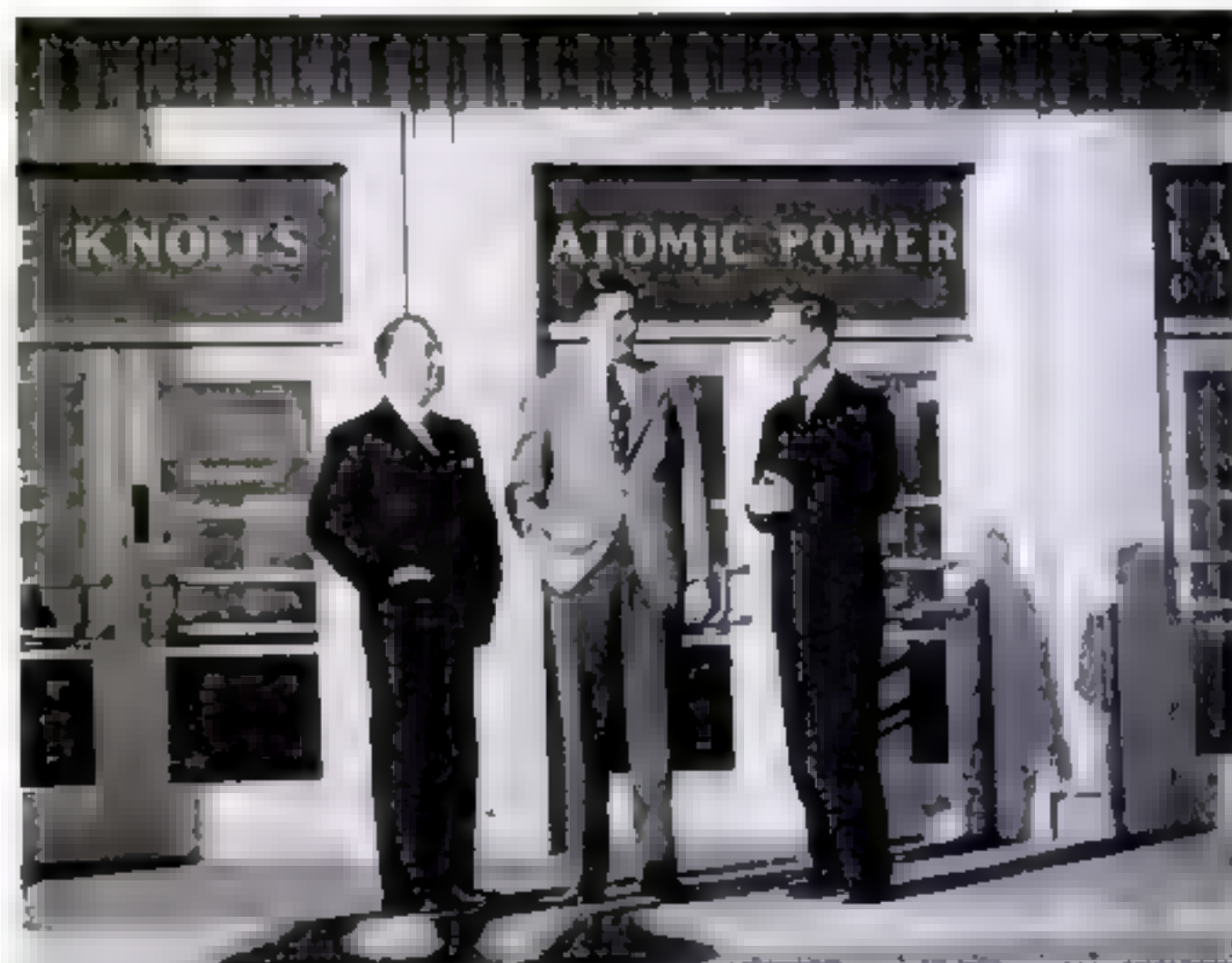
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BOSSES of G.E.'s atomic engine project stand by atomic lab. Left and right are Karl Van Tassel and Kenneth Kingdon of G.E. Center is AEC's Jon Anderson.

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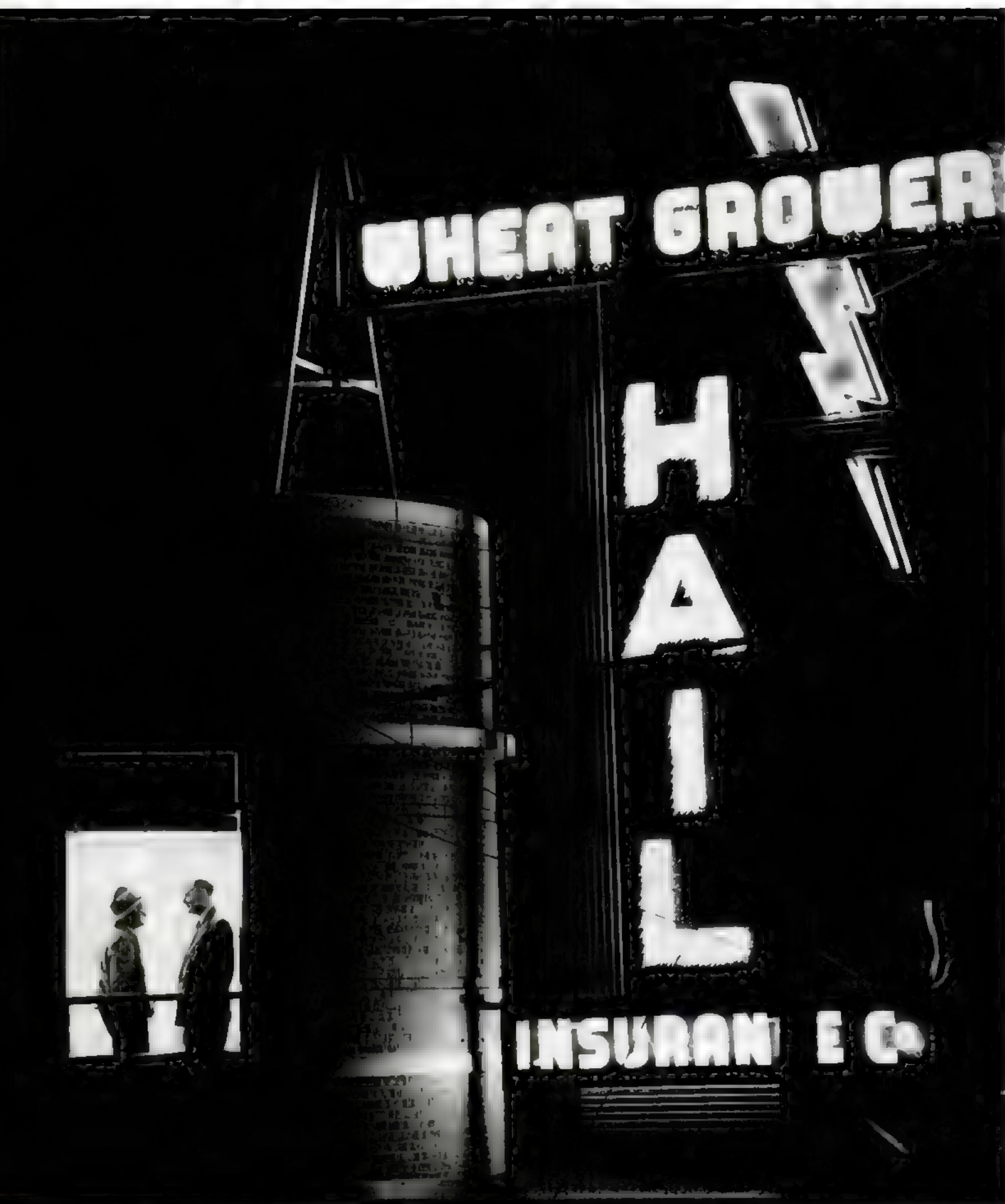
As he methodically trudges along with his dog, this man—a lonely figure in the immensity around him—is at home in his world without walls. Under him lie thousands of acres of flatland, above rises a vaulted ceiling beyond stretches an elusive rim where all life seems to vanish. These are his dimensions and they are the dimensions of the part of the country in which he lives—the American prairie.

As a geographical region the prairie is defined

by the extent of its own spacious elements. It is a tremendous open corridor running from Oklahoma north through Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, across the Canadian border. On the west it is flanked by the Black Hills and the Rocky Mountains, and on the east its boundary forms where the horizons shrink and the land ceases to be big.

The winds of modernity have tempered the hard life which the homesteaders led when

they came to plow up the buffalo grass. The long fingers of the rail lines and the black tops have brought the people together, and prosperity from wheat, cattle and from the riches under the soil has given them daily comfort and time for travel. But with all the surface changes, the essential character of life on the prairie has not changed. It is still a living shaped by the prairie's vastness, and in no other part of the world is there a way of life comparable to it.



A CONTINUAL WARNING of the danger of hail is flashed by the jagged neon sign of an insurance office in Cimmaron, Kan. Inside, F. C. Walker, president of the company (right), discusses a policy with a prospective customer. Hailstorms

strike with such force that the pellets, sometimes the size of baseballs, can mash a farmer's entire wheat crop into the ground. Last year, the worst on record for hail destruction, hailstorms in Kansas alone destroyed two million acres of wheat.



CHURNING UP DUST, BIG PRAIRIE DISK PLOWS CUT OUT A 40-FOOT SWATH THROUGH SOIL OF A COLORADO FARM

WHEELS ARE ITS BASIC TOOLS

On the prairie the wheat farms and the cattle ranches are huge. A 1,000-acre operation is considered small; a big one is 50,000 acres. Farmers invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in wheeled equipment—fleets of tractors, trucks and combines. On his 5,000-acre farm one Kansas operator has 185 tires in use. The equipment is the biggest made but is still not big enough. To save labor farmers continually devise means to increase the pulling load of

the tractor—a vehicle which in cultivating one section of wheatland (640 acres) during one season travels 3,300 miles.

With their machinery the farmers can wrest more and more out of the land, but nature often intervenes to frustrate them. The blizzards, the brutal droughts, the fearfully sudden cyclones, the crushing hailstorms—all make man's effort to master the prairie a gamble on the predictability of its land and sky.

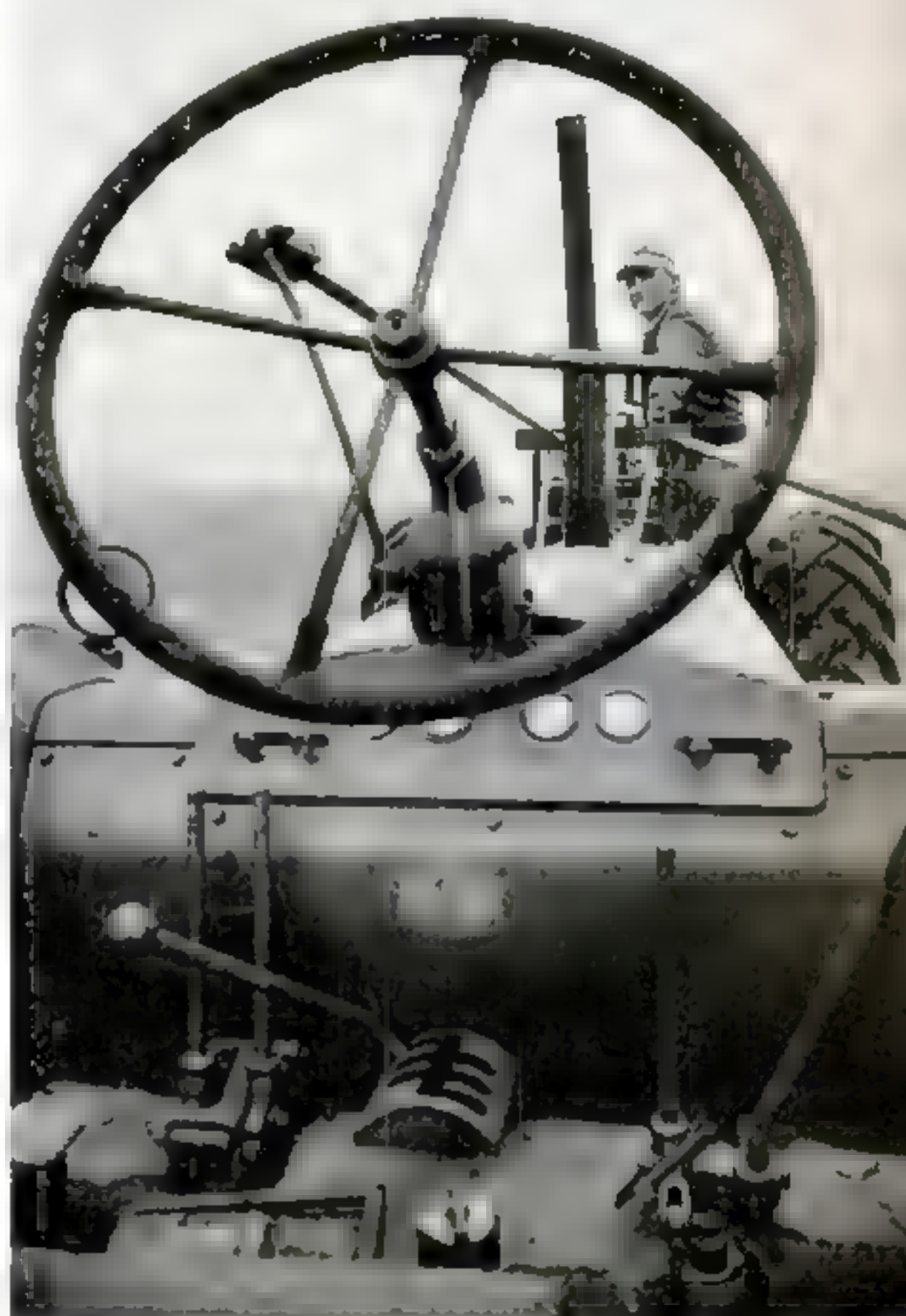


WHEELS AND WINGS of one 5,000-acre wheat farmer, Fred Dikeman of Syracuse, Kan. (second from the right), add up to a remarkable variety of

equipment. The plane is a Beech Bonanza. Dikeman also has two more tractors and five more trucks. With him are his three sons who now operate the farm.



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TWIN TRACTORS, hitched together in tandem so one man can drive both, is a common prairie device that doubles pulling power and work one man can do.



DWINDLING TOWN, Richfield, Kan., had 1,500 inhabitants in 1886 (top). In 1913, the Santa Fe bypassed Richfield and today (bottom) it has only 100 people.

BIG DISTANCES COMPEL FARMERS TO COMMUTE

Space leaves its mark on the prairie towns and on the prairie people. There are towns that were prospering communities years ago, but when the railroad lines were cut through, they were bypassed, and now they are silent and forgotten. Today there are towns dying along the highways too, because the modern roads lure the motorists on at high speeds to the larger centers. The centers themselves are few and far apart, so the prairie people must drive long distances for the most usual necessities — to pick up the mail, see a movie or take a music lesson.

But in recent years many farmers have moved to towns to enjoy the facilities. Now they commute to their farms. Some commute daily—by car or plane—and some weekly. Some "batch it" during planting and harvesting, living on the land in a trailer or a cook shack. Others, called "suitcasers," have city jobs but farm wheat part time. The "suitcaser" on the opposite page runs a farm implement business in Spearville, Kan., owns a 160-acre section of wheat land 72 miles from his home and another 240 miles away in Colorado. His yearly commuting mileage: 60,000.



DR. EMBERT COLES, A VETERINARIAN OF COLBY, KAN., MAKES HIS URGENT FAR-OFF



AT HIS FARMHOUSE Ruben Crist, a Kansas cattle and wheat operator, sits beside a picture window,

looking out over part of his huge acreage. He farms 12,500 acres, 7,500 in wheat and 5,000 in pasture.



AT HIS TOWN HOME in Garden City, 28 miles from farm, Crist sits by window looking out on



CALLS IN A RENTED PLANE. LAST YEAR HIS WORK TOOK HIM 3,000 MILES IN THE AIR, 39,000 BY AUTOMOBILE



"SUITCASER" DENNIS DUESING HEADS FOR THE CITY



house of another farmer who works acreage in Colorado, 100 miles away. Crist's house has 12 rooms.



TRIP TO TOWN for a violin lesson is made in the family car, a Lincoln, by Jean Ann Ware, 13-year-old

daughter of a wheat farmer. Her mother drives Jean 21 miles to Garden City every Saturday morning.



ANNOUNCEMENT of a party to be held at Pawnee Acre, Kan. community center stands by roadside.



BEFORE PARTY Pawnee Acre members spruce up the building while a baby sleeps through the noise.



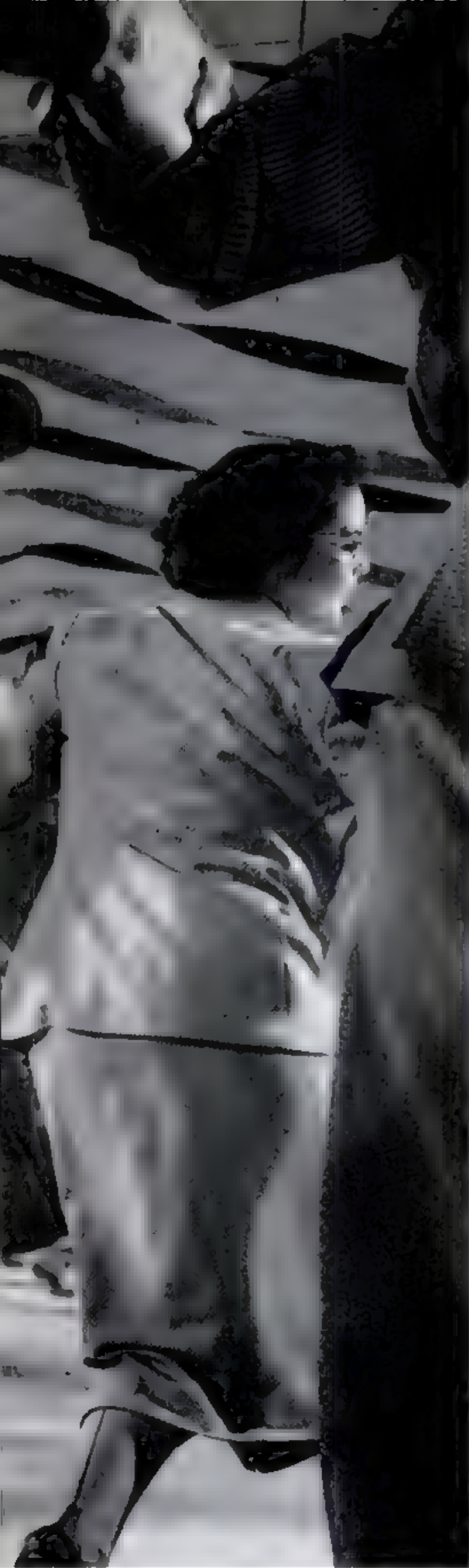
IN DIGHTON, KAN. FLYING FARMERS WIND UP A "FLY-IN" WITH A SQUARE DANCE. AFTERWARD THEY ROLLED OUT COTS

THE PEOPLE FORM IN ISLANDS

The rhythm of the square dance, the recitation of the youngster, a box supper for the parents of the school children—these are some of the things that dispel the loneliness of the prairie. Many years ago a man's neighbor was a remote and distant figure. Now the prairie people come from miles around to go calling or to go

into town for the simplest forms of social life.

Some of them—the plane owners—are organized into the Flying Farmers who put on cross-country flying tours and hold social gatherings. And here and there, at a crossroad or on a rise in the land, stands a solitary community building, perhaps an old Army barracks,



AND SLEEPING BAGS AND SLEPT IN THE DANCE HALL

OF SOCIAL LIFE

Though there is a radio at home and movies in town, this center is kept going because the town is far off and the 30 or 40 families who support the center find that most of the social pleasures they really want can be found in the suppers, the literaries, the dances and plays, and the card parties that go on inside of it.



EARLY ARRIVAL for the Pawnee Acre boys supper sits outside the community center waiting for other

guests with the headlights of an arriving automobile and into the driveway from the lonely prairie road.



A RECITATION by schoolboy is given close attention while his teacher stands ready to prompt him.

Before evening was over, Pawnee Acre guests had sat through a school play, taken part in an auction.



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PERTINENT STATISTICS ARE KEPT ON THE CHURCH WALL

HERE MAN MEETS HIS MAKER

As modern machines have taken over the burden of work across the prairie, the big farms have become bigger and the small farms fewer. The change has left in its wake a trail of old empty farmhouses which, inhabited once by the small farmers, have been swallowed up and consolidated in the advance of bigness.

For the people who remain on it, the prairie holds a deep and abiding sentiment that shows itself in the simple details of a graveyard alone in the middle of the land or of the warm unity found in a prairie family. It is an attachment that is generated, perhaps, by the immensity of the surroundings, which can enrich a man, whether he speaks of it or not, with a profound yet reserved understanding with his God.

There are many religious sects on the prairie. As with the social life much of the worshipping is done in the town churches. But here and there out on the squared-off sections of prairie space, stand the lonely angled shapes of the old country churches. The congregations continue to keep them freshly painted and patched and to worship in them. On Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock the same families take their seats on the wooden benches in the Methodist church in Lydia, Kan. (above). For an hour they hold Sunday school. Then, on the arrival of the preacher who drives out 22 miles from Leoti, they have their service—pious but undemonstrative and quietly unaccented like the expanses of land that stretch off on all sides.



OLD PARISHIONER, Mrs. John Grusing, teaches Sunday school. She came to the prairie in 1908 seeking room to raise her five children, later had eight more.



YOUNG PARISHIONER, Charles Rewertz, joins in singing *Faith of Our Fathers* during service. Like others with sleeping babies in laps, he has to remain seated.





THE FOREIGN LEGION MAINTAINS ITS OLD TRADITION AS A HAVEN FOR MEN OF MANY NATIONALITIES. ABOVE, FROM LEFT: AN ITALIAN, A FINN AND A RUSSIAN

FIGHTING WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION

A nightmarish and forlorn war of swamps and enemies seldom seen is waged for the free world

This year an unknown war will cost the U.S. \$555 million. It has been going on in Indo-China since 1946. French troops and their Asian allies have been trying, with little promise of success, to quell a Communist revolt which poses as grave a threat as the war in Korea. If the Reds win, all of southeast Asia is threatened, and also, because the French are so involved here, they have been less than enthusiastic about their responsibilities in Europe. Here is a firsthand account by a former soldier in the organization that is bearing the brunt of the heaviest fighting, the French Foreign Legion. He is the son of a well-known British military writer.

IN February of 1951 I climbed up a steep road in Marseilles to the bleak gate of Fort St. Nicolas, recruiting headquarters of the French Foreign Legion. Self-consciously, like a tourist, I spoke to the shabby sentry in stilted French: "Excuse me; I want to join the Foreign Legion." A soldier was summoned to take me inside, where a blond

German corporal took away my passport. In exchange I was given a couple of blankets which I carried to my allotted bunk in a kind of long, low cavern. Through iron bars I looked out on the harbor below the fort. Was I in the legion? Not yet. Was I still free to go outside? Certainly not.

Surrounded by the high walls of Fort St. Nicolas I entered a twilight interval of existence which curiously resembled the medieval picture of purgatory. Each week those who were found acceptable were issued ill-fitting khaki greatcoats and marched away to the docks. Each day some who failed to render a satisfactory account of their past lives or were found to be suffering from some physical defect were turned out. Some were turned over in handcuffs to police at the barracks gates. One of these was a burly American who confided to me, "I had dealings in the Russian sector of Berlin when I was working in Military Government." There were even angels in this purgatory:

wounded and much-decorated parachutists from Indo-China who shook hands each morning with the commandant and limped away to their first drink of the day before our awestruck eyes.

Hundreds of men in transit were controlled by a handful of noncoms with the judicious aid of whistle, fist and boot. From time to time loudspeakers summoned us to interrogation. Later in the day, perhaps, the rest of us would notice that the rugs on one of the bunks were gone—another reject had vanished again into the European labyrinth.

"Confidentially," the interrogating officer asked me in my turn, "why do you want to join the legion?" The reasons which seemed so eloquent in London sounded less convincing to me as I spoke halting French in a military barracks. My motives were complex and untrustworthy. In the distant past of the previous week, when I had still been a political journalist in the House of Commons, the wide open spaces of North Africa had seemed



SINCE WORLD WAR II MANY MEN FROM BEATEN GERMANY, LIKE THE TWO AT LEFT, HAVE BEEN RECRUITED INTO THE LEGION. MAN IN HELMET IS DUTCH



MOST OFFICERS ARE FRENCH, THIS ONE IS RUSSIAN

IN INDO-CHINA

by ADRIAN LIDDELL HART

more inviting than the drab streets of London, the company of Foreign Legionnaires more stimulating than that of self-important politicians. I had no single, solid reason for joining, no trouble with the law, no unhappy love affair. I was not anxious to die or even to fight. However, in the end, my name went up on the board for shipment to North Africa.

Signing for five years

WE were taken to an office where the final contracts for our five years' enlistment were ranged along a table, six copies to each "candidate." A sheet of paper had been laid over the contracts so that only the signature spaces were visible. Without further ado we signed—some with their own names, others (like myself) with the names they had agreed to adopt in the legion. It did not matter to us: few who are anxious enough to pass through Fort St. Nicolas in order to join the legion are going to be put off at the last

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A LEGION NONCOM IS SHOWN AT AFRICAN DEPOT



THE AUTHOR WAS PHOTOGRAPHED IN SAIGON, WEARING UNIFORM WITH TRADITIONAL WHITE KEPI

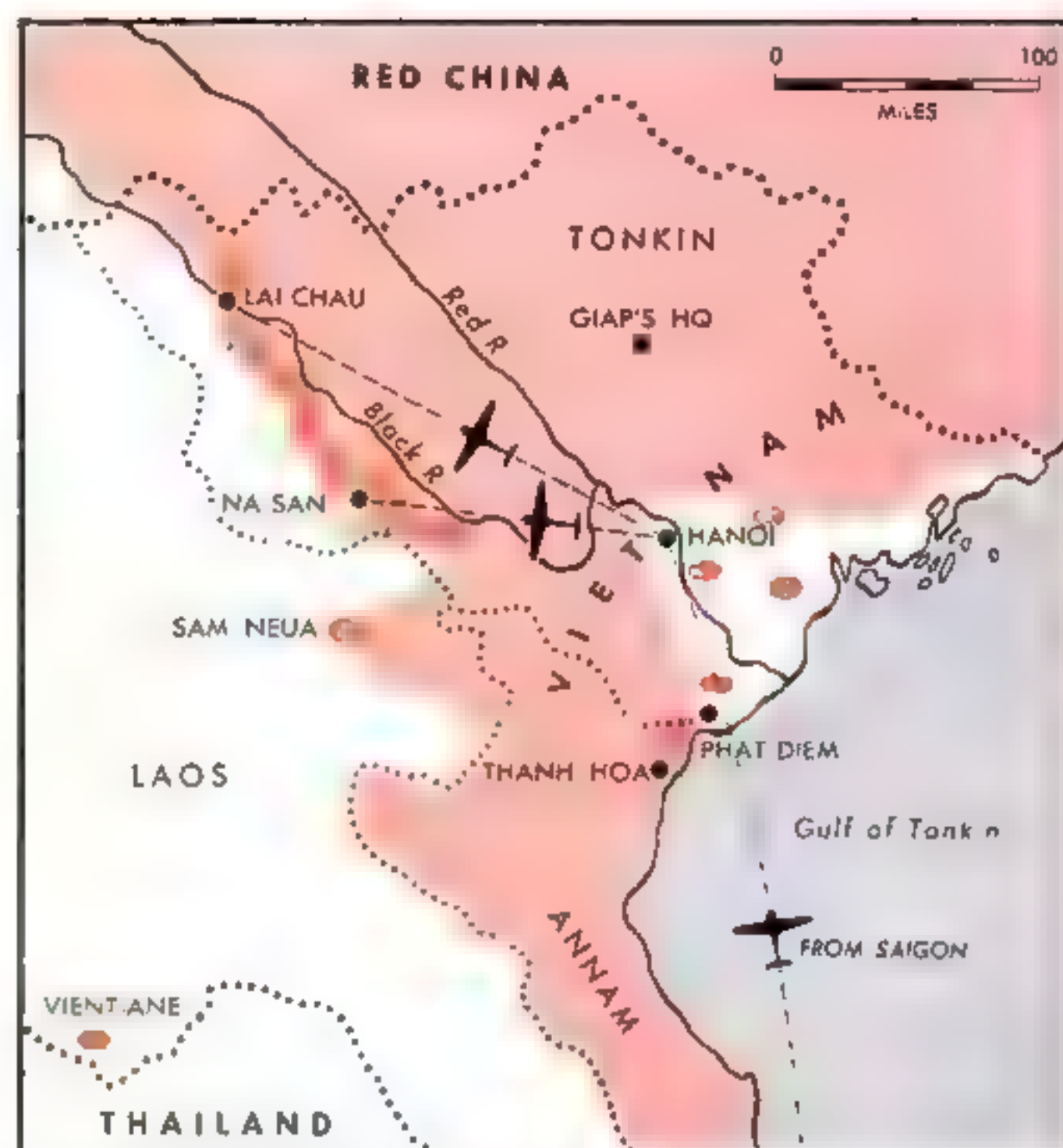
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FOREIGN LEGION CONTINUED

moment by some legal scruple, especially if it entails a period in the cells for further reflection.

After receiving a small amount of money, a haircut and a jumble of old uniforms—British caps, French jackets, American trousers, German boots—we quitted the troubles of Europe. While most of Marseilles was still asleep, we left reality, as we knew it in our different ways, to enter into a legend.

A couple of days in the cramped hold of a ship and in one of North Africa's specially slow trains brought us to Sidi-bel-Abbès, the historic headquarters of the legion. We arrived in time for the early morning cup of coffee which we drank while waiting for examination. The remains of our civilian clothes were confiscated in exchange for five packets of African cigarettes. For another week we underwent a repeat performance of medical examinations and security interrogations, the rest of the time being occupied with such thought-provoking fatigues as tending the sun-baked graves of the legion dead and wrapping up copies of the legion magazine, *Képi Blanc*, for dispatch to its public throughout the world.

We had looked forward with deep apprehension to this stage of our career. As it turned out basic infantry training in the modern legion was less strenuous than it would probably have been in the U.S. Marines, and there was certainly less insistence on drill, spit-and-polish and automatic obedience than in many British training units.

The recruits I went in with were mixed in the legion's proud and international tradition. The composition of my barracks room gives a fair picture of the legion makeup at the present time and, in particular, of the problem facing our cynically patient young sergeant, a former officer-cadet of the *Reichswehr* and sparetime student of Nietzsche. Out of 20 men, 13 were German or Austrian, including a politically minded young man of Dutch birth and an admirably impartial corporal-in-charge who was half French. Three were French, including a hefty ex-gendarme and a little doctor who had lost his civil rights for collaborating with the Nazis. The residue included a Finnish sailor we called "Eskimo," an Italian mason, a sly middle-aged Belgian who claimed to have been a legion sergeant before the war, and me.

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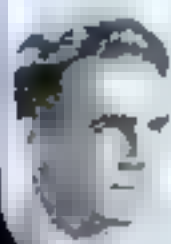


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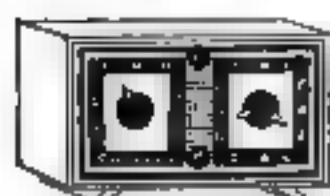
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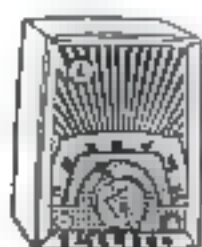
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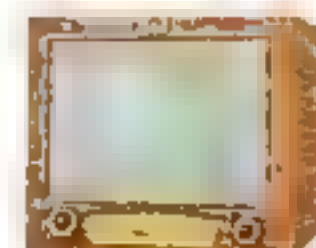
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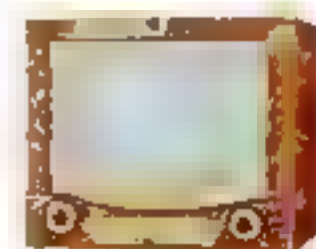
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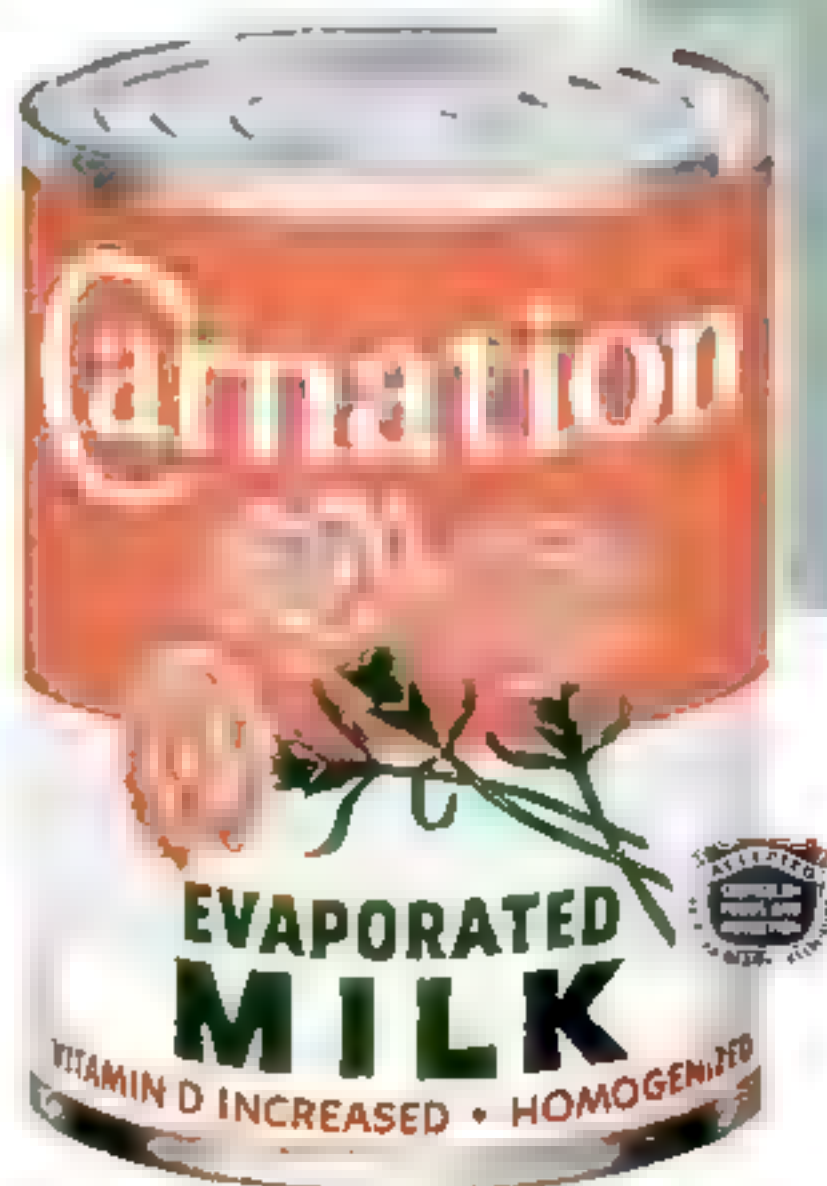
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Combine Carnation and sugar in saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add remaining ingredients; stir until marshmallows and chocolate are dissolved (1 to 2 minutes). Pour into buttered square pan (8"x8"). Cut into squares.

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3 cups sugar	3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons corn syrup	1 teaspoon vanilla

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FORT ST. NICOLAS, headquarters of the Foreign Legion in Marseilles, is entry point for recruits, who are examined, processed and sworn in here before being sent to depot in French North Africa to receive their basic training.

FOREIGN LEGION CONTINUED

There were no interracial fights. This was due less to any idealism about international cooperation than to the fact that our individual differences cut across national cleavages. The Germans, who might have dominated the rest, represented a wide cross section of German life: an adventurer who had deserted from the East Zone Communist police, a master carpenter whose business had gone bankrupt, a young chef who had abandoned his wife, a teen-ager who wanted to escape from his family, a Berliner who spoke fluent American with a Harvard accent and kept us amused with tales and imitations of Nazi leaders and American officers and their wives.

For the most part we trained in small groups, stalking through woods, leapfrogging across dunes, practicing German marching songs with French words and frequently pausing to buy candy or beer from the Arab donkeymen who followed us around. Orders and instructions were translated from official French into German and occasionally into Italian. Sometimes they were translated into English for my special benefit; in return I used to give English lessons to our French officer.

Some of us trained in wartime GI tunics, still complete with American buttons, tucked into French trousers. Others wore British battle dress, according to taste. In the course of our two months' stay a consignment of American denims, a miscellaneous bundle of khaki shorts and a package of what were said to be prewar tunics from an American military academy were distributed. For guard and occasional police duty we dressed up in green ties, scarlet epaulettes and blue sashes, the sashes being used at other times to wrap up the rest of our clothes in traditional style on the bare shelf above our beds. When we left Sidi-bel-Abbes, everything—including the

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ON CAMERONE DAY the legion commemorates a valiant but losing stand it made in defense of Napoleon III's attempt to build an empire in Mexico. Legionnaires parade on this day and rejoice with extra wine and food rations.



Frederiksborg Castle—Royal Crown of Denmark

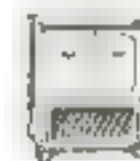


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FOREIGN LEGION CONTINUED

toothbrushes we had been issued—had to be handed back; we kept only what we stood up in. The legion travels light.

During our training period at Sidi-bel-Abbès we ate our meals on the ground—though the canteen was beautifully designed; we washed ourselves and our clothes in the same trough of cold water—though the swimming pool was magnificent. The food itself was a characteristic hotchpotch of French, Italian, German and native dishes which sometimes rose to the heights of French cuisine and sometimes descended to the depths of African fodder. Breakfast usually consisted of black coffee and a "sandwich" of bread and chocolate or a cold fish. Much of the food was produced on the legion farms and collected by mule-driven carts from the barracks. Often I felt as though I were on a large and lengthy picnic given by an eccentric host who had forgotten to bring half the essentials for an ill-assorted collection of guests who were wondering why they had been crazy enough to come.

In our training the noncoms were apparently allowed considerable discretion. It could hardly have been otherwise in so cosmopolitan a force, most of whose officers are literally a race apart from the men. But the old stories of sadistic brutality and relentless discipline have little foundation in present reality. It is true that recruits were liable to get their faces slapped, even on parade. It was accepted as part of the tradition, like the shaven heads of those who broke discipline, like the fancy badges proudly worn by ex-members of punishment companies, which bore the inscription: "Hard Justice but Justice."

On two occasions I found myself in trouble in Africa. First, I lost a very old torn shirt which had already seen many backs before it came to mine. The severity of the punishment (eight days' imprisonment and a fine of 1,000 francs, on a basic wage of 24 francs a day) took me by surprise. "If you attach so much importance to it," I protested, "I will be glad to arrange for several nice new shirts to be sent from England." Fortunately, the officer in charge had a sense of humor and I was let off.

The second occasion was more eventful. At the end of my training period I found myself separated by mischance from my companions. Failing to get leave to rejoin them before they sailed for the East, I broke out of barracks and tried to hitch-hike to the embarkation camp. But I was caught by Arabs on the outskirts of a village and then marched back to the nearest police station with my hands above my head and the gun of a French policeman at my back. The French take no chances in these matters and even in uniform a man is presumed guilty of desertion, if not worse, until he is proved innocent. So I started the minimum sentence in the hot barracks prison, chopping logs with a faulty ax until midnight and being brought out of my cell at 4 in the morning to recommence work. This was not the prescribed routine; it just happened that there was

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FOREIGN LEGION CONTINUED

a lot of wood which needed cutting, and I arrived when there were not enough prisoners. The next day I was released and stood drinks by the sergeant major (who happened to have been a journalist).

A week later I embarked at Oran on a small Liberty ship, packed with five or six hundred legionnaires and Arab soldiers. No one was allowed ashore in any port of call during the month's voyage, and we were often kept below to discourage any who wanted to jump ship. One man nevertheless got away in the Suez Canal and five others disappeared in Colombo. "Will the British hand me back?", one of them, from Holland, had asked me previously. "No, the British accept all refugees," I replied hopefully. A notice announcing the return of the five was soon pinned up to discourage the rest of us. I saw them next in the prison of the Saigon transit camp. From there I was posted to the First Foreign Cavalry Regiment in southern Vietnam, along with a German, a Pole, a Hungarian, a Frenchman, an Italian and a former Soviet Russian partisan who were returning to Indo-China for a second tour of service.

Leaving Saigon, we entered immediately into a watery version of the Wild West. Rikety towers surrounded by bamboo stockades guarded the roads and bridges, over which overloaded cars and brightly colored motor coaches traveled in haphazard convoys behind speeding military vehicles. At the headquarters of the regiment innumerable flags of France and Vietnam hung at half-mast in the pouring rain for a general who had been assassinated in the main street on the previous day. During the night, which we spent in the hall of a requisitioned villa, the sound of exploding grenades and rifle shots came across the river from the jungle, and at dawn we were chilled by the slow tolling of a church bell. The next day, depressed by a sense of doom from my first impressions of the war, I left Saigon for an amphibious squadron. Already the time I had spent at Marseilles and in Africa seemed a dream that was now dissolving into a nightmare.

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AT EASE at the end of a day's exhausting march through swamps, a legionnaire soaks his feet in one of the innumerable streams that cut through the delta land. Swampy ground makes pursuit of rebels difficult and slow process.



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I was soon to discover that to the soldiers of the Legion, Indo-China was overlaid by a miasma of fear, suspicion and reports of corruption. We knew little of what was really happening. We never received any official enlightenment in the way of a lecture. Our mail, like the local newspapers, was censored. A German fellow legionnaire was seen entering the U.S. Information Center at Saigon. "There will be trouble," the security officer warned him, "if you are caught going there again." There was almost no leave away

from the place where we were stationed. We knew only the ugly background of this forlorn war.

Since 1946 Frenchmen, Arabs, Senegalese, Asians—and the legion—have been fighting a Communist rebellion directed by the so-called Vietminh government whose troops include Red Chinese volunteers, ex-Japanese occupation troops and deserters from the Foreign Legion. Local groups fight both sides; local proprietors pay protection money; local officials (according to persistent rumor, French included) have been trading with the enemy, even in arms. Whole units have changed sides. France has suffered tremendously in lives and money, yet a



REBEL COMMANDER in the field is General Vo Nguyen Giap.

large number of the French people are openly hostile to the war, as we discovered from the Communist seamen on our troopships and the dockers at Marseilles. There is much talk in Indo-China of "glory" to be won by fighting for France, yet there are rumors of negotiations and compromise at every level. Shocking atrocities have been committed by both sides, yet prisoners-of-war have often been well treated and even exchanged on a large scale.

The legion, represented by as many as 20,000 men at a time in Indo-China, has borne the brunt of the heaviest fighting and proportionately the severest casualties. In a corner of the converted cinema which constituted our sleeping quarters was a kind of altar on which were inscribed the names of legionnaires killed each year: 1951 . . . 1950 . . . 1949 . . . 1948 . . .

All legionnaires are liable to serve two years in the Indo-China war in the course of their five-year engagement. Many volunteer to return after a few months' leave in North Africa. The pay is much higher than in Africa, the discipline less strict. The war in Indo-China for these men, hard and cruel though it may be, is not a job to be completed, a cause to be won. It is a life. Some of them, it is true, do not care whether they live or die. Sleeping beside me in the converted cinema was a young Frenchman who was rarely sober at any time of the day or night and muttered to himself in a twilight of alcoholic despair. But others, particularly the German veterans, have acquired a certain philosophy. "Always let someone else go ahead," advised the German noncom before I went out on my first jungle operation, "in case there are any booby traps."

Into the swamp

IN south Vietnam, at the delta of the Mekong River, lies a great marshy plain where dumps of food and arms can be easily hidden or transported. When I arrived on the fringe of this region last year, it was the wet season and the whole area of wild grassland, forests and innumerable streams was a vast swampy no-man's land. A large collection of Weasels, amphibious-tracked vehicles designed for snow, sand, mud and water, were bought for the French forces, who called them "crabs" and used them on the plain of the delta. They were manned by a mixed crew of Foreign Legionnaires and Asian commando troops and deployed in conjunction with landing ships from the French navy and reconnaissance bombers of the French air force.

In August I joined the crew of a crab as machine gunner. My comrades were three Europeans and three Asians. In a day of hurried preparations we filled the vehicle with a miscellaneous collection of French, American and British guns plus numerous bottles of brandy, wine and a rough native concoction fermented out of rice. In the evening we left our barracks and with some 10 other crabs were embarked on a landing craft. Gunboats escorted us as we sailed slowly up the river.

At dawn, in the neighborhood of Vinh Long, one of the larger towns in the delta, we disembarked and rendezvoused with other units. Elsewhere in the delta three other amphibious squadrons were converging from widely scattered bases and then fanning out

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MIRED IN MUCK, crew of a "crab," an amphibious vehicle used by the legion, has gone over the side to get a grenade which had fallen into swamp.

FOREIGN LEGION CONTINUED

westward through the unknown terrain. This particular operation was to last for five days and nights.

Our mission was to sweep through territory which might be held by the Vietminh or held by nobody in particular, to flush out Vietminh troops, take them prisoner if we could, or kill them if we could not, and destroy any supply dumps we could find. There were no "objectives" in the usual military sense: we were not out to capture territory or strongpoints.

The first day we plunged into the swamp from a landing craft and started the tense, exhausting job of searching a swamp under a sky which either poured with torrential rain or blazed with tropical heat. Our canvas-topped crab was alternately a sink and a furnace. Every 10 minutes or so we had to jump out into the body-high bog infested with tenacious leeches and water snakes in order to tear away at the grass tangled in our tracks or to haul the vehicles across one of the countless concealed dikes.

The Vietminh were not easy enemies to find. Warned by ubiquitous spies or friendly inhabitants, they usually managed to slip into the jungle before we had a chance of coming within firing range. Only occasionally did we hear the sound of their mortars and machine guns. A dozen times a day we came across villages or lone huts in the clearings and a party was sent on foot to investigate with carbines and grenades. In these "zones of pacification," as they are politely—and optimistically—called, we rounded up the squealing pigs, shot the cattle, looted what seemed worth taking and then set fire to the buildings and supply dumps.

We saw no Vietminh. We did come across a few abandoned women and children crouching in the mud under hut floors or hiding in little boats in the long grass. I used to wonder what happened to them after we left.

At night we camped in dank, steamy clearings or in open grassland, a new camp each night. As we stood guard, the mosquitoes were far more immediate enemies than the Vietminh.

The last day of the mission the crabs of our squadron were ordered to lie in wait, like half-submerged monsters in the primeval bog, while a French air attack blasted some Vietminh who had been spotted in one of their radio-equipped jungle strongholds. This time the Vietminh had delayed their getaway too long. The planes splattered them with napalm. That concluded the operation and the next morning we returned to our base at My Tho.

'Mon Dieu, en avant!'

I NEVER came close to an orthodox military action in the legion, although about three weeks after the patrol action described above I was under fire from my own side. Early that morning, not far from the same place we had been before, we were prodded ahead with cries of "En avant! Mon Dieu, en avant!" from our highly strung lieutenant, who liked to play the church organ and who goaded himself into a frenzy whenever one of our crabs stuck fast in the swamp or jungle.

It was raining as usual. Cultural German curses intermingled with the more polite "Ach, Gott im Himmel" answered the excitable lieutenant as we hacked through the undergrowth. Noncoms directed our Asian auxiliary troops to level the steep bank of the



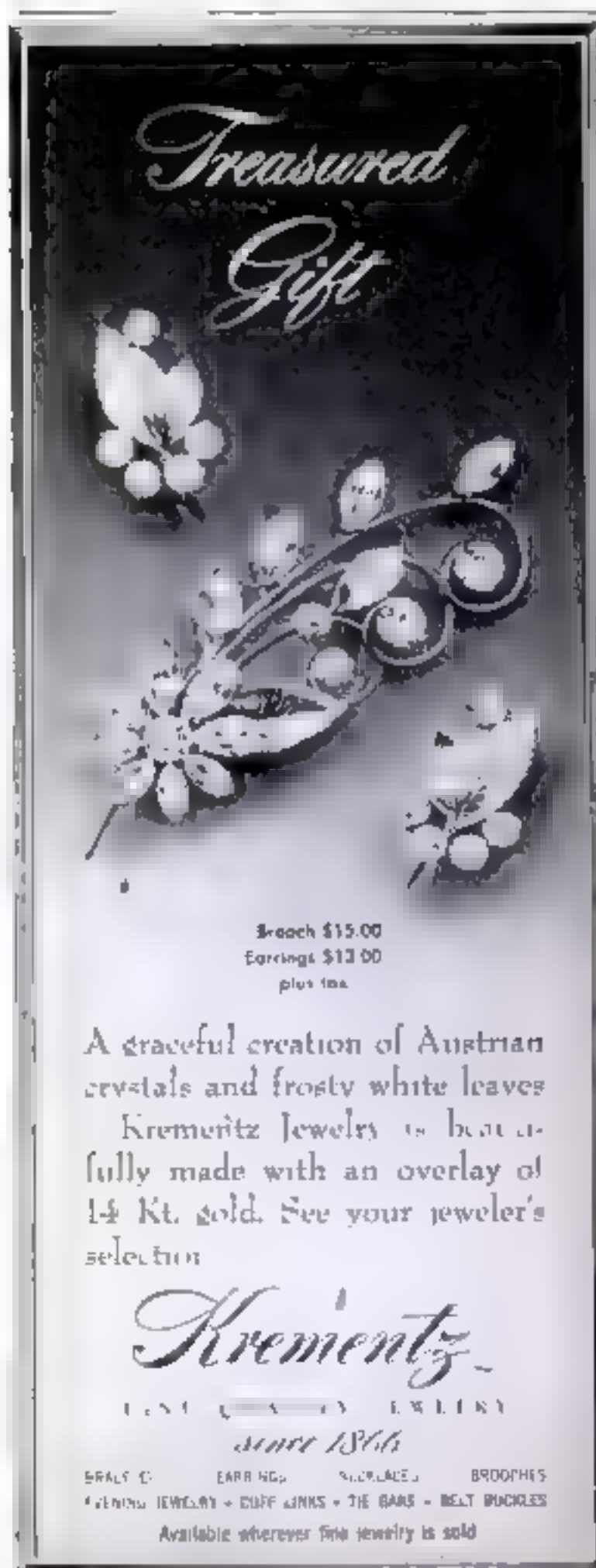
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stream with picks and spades. The noncoms were bellowing virtually the only common word we all knew: "Maulen! Maulen!" which freely translated means "Dammit, hurry up!"

Two of us jumped into the swollen stream and swam into the fast current to help guide our heavily laden vehicle, which the driver was powerless to control alone. Suddenly a hail of machine-gun fire spattered the water from the jungle. I ducked under the water behind a clump of water lilies, just avoiding a large water snake. It looked as if we had been ambushed. But it was only our Arab infantry, creeping through the trees and always trigger-happy, who had mistaken us for the enemy. The firing ceased abruptly and we scrambled wearily onto the far bank and into the open country. From this operation too we returned to base without having seen an enemy soldier.

Only in the evenings, as night fell with tropical swiftness, did we sometimes relax, briefly and insecurely. Some deserted hut was turned into a temporary bivouac. While the Europeans greased the trucks and cleaned the guns, the Asians roasted the pigs and chickens which we had rounded up during the day and shinnied up the trees for coconuts. Afterward, beside the dying embers of the log fires, the Europeans sang *Deutschland uber Alles* or sad melodies of their distant homeland.

I was a veteran of the Second World War, but on my first night of operations in the Plaine des Joncs, left alone in the open swamp beside my crab, I wept. I was overcome less by fear or physical exhaustion, to which I was inured, than by a kind of spiritual annihilation. I was oppressed by a grim intensity which I had never felt even when I was a British sailor in the most desperate days of the Battle of the Atlantic. No one ever seemed to crack a joke or to take things easy—no one except Joe, the Jewish corporal who had worked for the Americans and was counting the weeks until he could emigrate to the U.S.

I was overcome by the primitive inhumanity of a struggle in which machines were more valuable than human beings. We were expendable. I was resentful that I was sometimes called on to risk my skin because, as it seemed to me, the French wanted to save ammunition. I was horrified that our drivers were heavily fined and imprisoned on return to barracks for accidental damage they might do to the engines in the course of these bizarre operations. But my comrades—Asians, East Europeans, Latins, Germans—did not appear to accept it as unnatural. "This is not the way you British and Americans make war," they told me, and shrugged.

Semilegalized wives, half-caste children

THE conclusion of an operation in the delta meant the beginning of a harder routine in barracks. The crabs had to be overhauled, local recruits drilled, the camp guarded against the constant threat of ambush. Even with the daily use of prisoners, who had to be carefully guarded, there was hard maintenance work around the camp to be done with the most primitive equipment.

Inside the camp the local auxiliaries or "cavaliers," as they were called, lived under canvas with their families. And across the way some of the legionnaires, too, had their semilegalized wives and half-caste children. These children may in time be educated in military schools for the new Vietnam army, thus providing a notable example of long-term military planning. We had members of the *Herrenvolk* in our ranks, but with us there was no color discrimination. We fought, paraded and worked together even though there were language difficulties with Asian noncoms.

The atmosphere of the camp was sticky with suspicion. The legionnaires mistrusted the Indo-Chinese auxiliaries who shared guard duty in the outposts and there was a continual apprehension that our inadequate supply of arms and ammunition might "disappear." Even the five officers, who lived and slept in a house outside the camp, did not seem to trust each other; my own officer was put under close arrest on the day I left. In this camp, as in other barracks in Indo-China, informers, most of them Frenchmen, were assigned by the authorities to keep watch on the activities and conversations of their comrades.

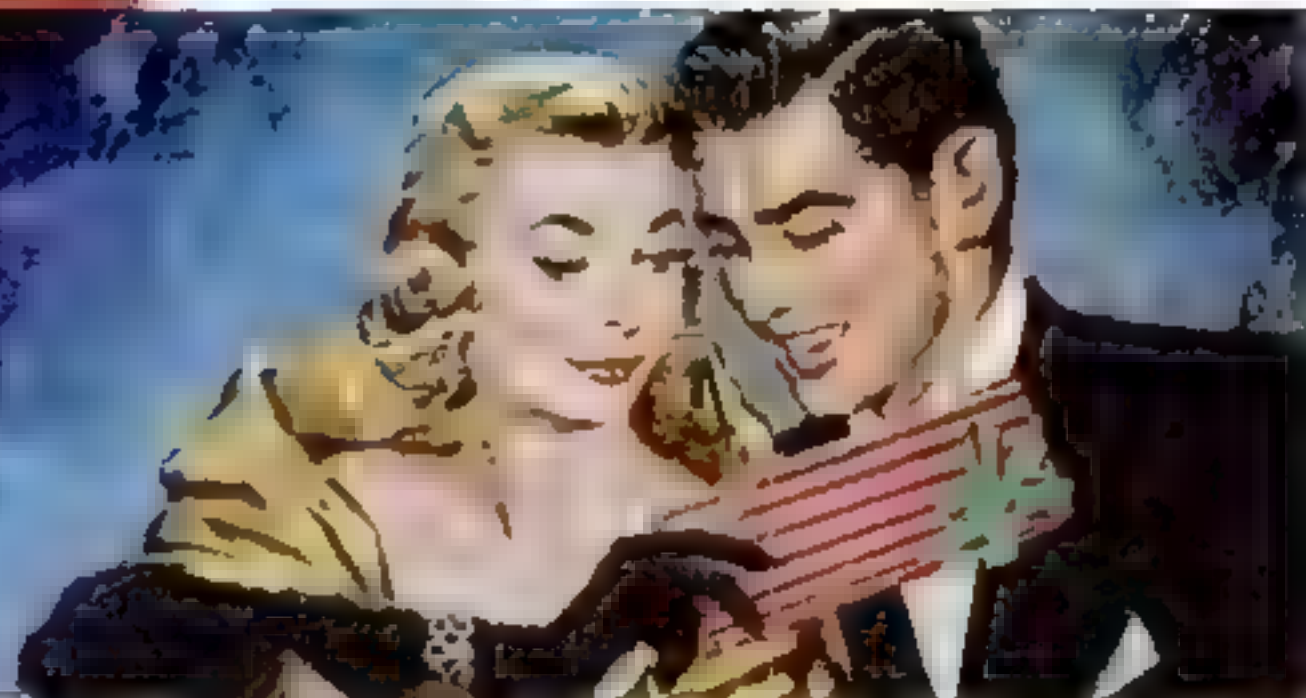
Much that happens in Indo-China is incomprehensible except when it is seen against this background of tense suspicion. Fundamentally it explains my own departure from Indo-China and my release from the legion at the beginning of this year.

I was sent to a unit for which I was neither trained nor suited, though in Africa I had been led to expect that I would be given a job fitted to my naval and civilian experience. Although at the time I suspected the local authorities of ill intentions, they were probably just at a loss to understand why I had come to Indo-China at all. There is a widespread resentment among the French of the

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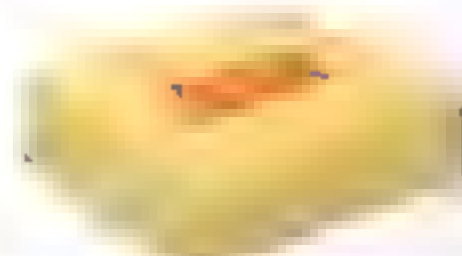
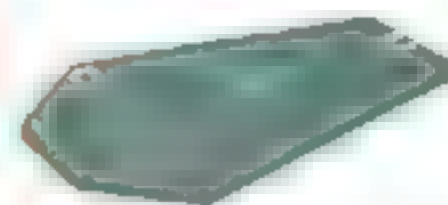
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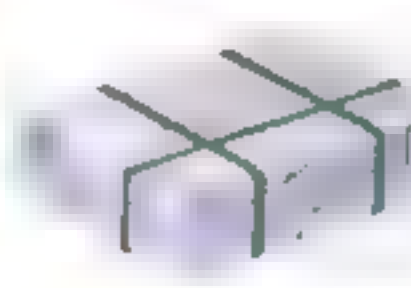
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Anglo-American attitude toward this war. Also, as I discovered, the British and Americans have long had a reputation for causing trouble in the legion.

One of those trivial misunderstandings occurred which might happen to any soldier in any army, especially in a hot climate, and I was charged with insubordination. Summoned to the office of my Spanish-born commanding officer, I felt I was being treated unjustly. "This is not the British or American Army," the CO shouted. "You will go to prison." I was angry enough to shout back at him, "If you send me to prison, there will be trouble for you and for the French authorities."

Still shouting at each other, he pushed me out of his office—into the arms of the members of the squadron who had been listening to this unmilitary exchange through the door. I felt I might be shot on the spot. I had challenged not only my commanding officer but the whole tradition of the legion. But I was not shot, not even punished. What happened was that I was transferred back to base headquarters at Saigon and asked to sign a formal request for my release. The base commandant himself talked to me. "We can't afford to have an international crisis every time you have a misunderstanding," he said. "In any case," he added reflectively, "I don't think the legion is made for British or Americans." I signed.

One day, while waiting to be shipped out of Indo-China, I ran into my former commanding officer in the main street of Saigon. Despite our fracas I admired him for his conviction and courage and so I said to him, "It was an honor to serve under your command." He smiled slightly and replied, "It takes a long time to get used to the legion."

Soon I was put on a troopship bound for Africa. The voyage was slower than the outwardbound journey and there were few incidents to enliven the trip. A couple of Italians jumped overboard in the Strait of Messina, between Sicily and the Italian mainland, and got safely ashore; the rest of us cheered them. The food was so lousy that one day we collected the whole ration in large tubs and threw it overboard. We might also have thrown over some of the ship's officers if the legion commandant on board had not pacified us. We celebrated Christmas Day with an issue of one square inch of chocolate to each man.

At Marseilles, along with an elegant Italian legionnaire who had involved himself with the wife of a commandant in Indo-China, I was taken off the ship and brought by car to Fort St. Nicolas. Here I was told, "The Minister of Defense has ordered your immediate release." They gave me my passport and I walked out of the fort and out of the legion.

The French Foreign Legion with which I spent a year is certainly not the force Hollywood romantically canonized in *Beau Geste*. What is it? "The legion is not a convict prison," writes one of its prewar officers, "nor is it a cloister." It is something less—and something more—than a modern army. And with all its squalor and cruelty it still exercises a strange fascination for men of all nations and all colors. I remember a Belgian sergeant in Indo-China who said, "The legion is beautiful."



STILL IN THE LEGION when Liddell Hart left Indo-China were his legionnaire sergeant (left) and Asian crew members of his amphibious "crab," carrying on France's difficult and desperate war against Communist rebels.

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In many of the Amsterdam cafes *Eieren Blazen* has now become as popular as after-dinner pudding. Patrons may simply choose up sides for an impromptu game, but the addicts have organized regular teams which play by schedule. One team has adopted a uniform, the colors being, appropriately enough, yellow and white.

LEANING PLAYER angles for a better position to puff at the egg. But she is violating rule by getting off hands. Because women supposedly have less wind, they play 5 minute halves compared to 15 for men.

EGG ON END is caught between freezes from opposite sides of the table in a game between mixed team of men and women. Nonplayers are clustered around the table rooting for their favorite team.





ROLLING EGG headed for goal is prodded along by an alert player who blows hard to push advantage.



BOUNCING EGG evades blast. Before the game players puncture eggs and suck out the insides.



BROKEN EGG frustrates a player. Eggshells are broken by too violent blowing or by falling on floor.

PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS GO INTO CONVULSIONS OF LAUGHTER AS A WOMAN BLOWS SO HARD AT EGG THAT SHE BLOWS OUT HER FALSE TEETH ON THE TABLE





AN EYEFUL AT THE MOVIES

These megalopic creatures are the first paying audience for the latest cinematic novelty, Natural Vision. Trying to go Cinerama (LIFE, Oct. 27) one better, this process gets a three-dimensional effect by using two projectors with Polaroid filters and giving the spectators Polaroid spectacles to wear. The movie at the premiere, called *Bwana Devil*, did

achieve some striking three-dimensional sequences. But members of the audience reported that the glasses were uncomfortable, the film itself—dealing with two scholarly looking lions who ate up quantities of humans in Africa—was dull, and it was generally agreed that the audience itself looked more startling than anything on the screen.

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